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Rules on Noise Set To Change

Board of Supervisors scheduled to resume discussion and vote on proposed Noise Ordinance on June 23.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust asked to defer a proposal to adopt a new chapter of the county's noise ordinance to September so the board could have more time to weigh testimony of more than 30 speakers at the public hearing, May 12. Instead, the vote was delayed until June 23.

"You have a big challenge ahead of you, but peace and quiet in our neighborhoods is an important commodity to have," said Robert Winer, of Clifton.

"More effort is needed to resolve the issue," said Joyce Harris, a 31-year resident of McLean. "Protecting the rights of residents in a residential neighborhood should be a primary goal of the ordinance. Please defer your vote and allow more time to develop a solution that works for this issue."

MORE THAN 30 speakers testified including: Greg Budnik who discussed helicopter noise from training runs at Fort Belvoir; Mark Grove, of Fairfax, whose wife was recuperating from cancer treatment and had to contend with music from a supermarket across the street that had permits to play music until 11 p.m.; Keith Elgin, worship director of Vine Church in Dunn Loring, who wants to create events such as outdoor



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

Joyce Harris, of McLean, testifies before the Board of Supervisors on the mandated rewrite of the county's noise ordinance.

movies and concerts during the summer months; to neighbors in Reston who say they cannot get relief from noise of nearby dog parks; to those who take their dogs to dog parks to spare neighbors from noise.

Sheila Casey, of Reston, said she can hear mowers on a nearby golf course before dawn with maintenance crews sometimes using headlights on lawnmowers before 5 a.m. "All I know is when those lawn mowers are running, I can turn on my air conditioning, I can put in my earplugs, and I still hear the noise," she said.

Issues don't seem as simple when engaging with the details.

"When babies cannot sleep, when the elderly cannot rest, when a voice teacher cannot instruct, when a family cannot share a meal together on their patio, when a homeowner has to close her windows and move to another part of the house just to

make a telephone call, when a cancer patient cannot recuperate and rest in her yard because music is amplified in the neighborhood at intrusive levels, then we know something is not right with life in Fairfax County," said Harris.

FAIRFAX AND OTHER Virginia governments have to rewrite their noise ordinance as a result of a Virginia Supreme Court decision overturning the ordinance in Virginia Beach, according to county documents.

The overall goals of the proposed Noise Ordinance is to recognize that there will always be certain levels of noise that occur in the normal course of daily living; to allow certain levels of daytime noise so that people can live, work and play during the day; and to minimize noise at night so residents have an appropriate quiet environment in their homes at night.

This would involve prohibiting certain activities, excluding certain activities from the Noise Ordinance, and other activities or sources of sound would be subject to maximum decibel levels, qualified by time, location and duration limitations.

Supervisors will also engage the School Board on the issue of amplified sound from high school campuses.

The noise ordinance covers everything from lawn mowers, barking dogs, loudspeakers at athletic fields and industrial operations.

For example, the noise of barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals that could be heard in a home with its windows closed is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., according to county documents.

Other noise-makers that are specifically addressed, according to county documents:

- ❖ Using a loudspeaker or amplifier outside Sunday through Thursday between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., and between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and the day before a federal holiday.

- ❖ Many specifics of operating power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers; on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- ❖ Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- ❖ Collecting trash or recycling within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- ❖ Loading or unloading trucks outside within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- ❖ Using dog parks Sunday through Thursday between dusk and 7 a.m. or on Fridays, Saturday or the day before a federal holiday between dusk and 8 a.m.

For more, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/>

School Board Passes \$2.6 Billion Budget for 2016

Employees receive step pay increase but lose portion of planned market scale adjustment.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

\$7.6 million: That's how much Fairfax County Public Schools said the School Board needed to cut to meet the goals set out in its Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget.

When the board voted 10-2 on May 21 in approval of next year's budget, covering that gap brought the step pay increase for employees down from a market scale adjustment of one percent to 0.62 percent.

More than 70 percent of the total bud-

get of \$2.6 billion comes from Fairfax County. The total transfer of \$2.01 billion to the school system's operating and debt service is over 52 percent of the county's general fund disbursement. That rate has been "consistent" for several years, according to the Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget Plan.

The county transfer is a 3.4 percent rise from the Fiscal Year 2015 adopted budget plan, a difference of \$66.7 million. \$1.83 billion of that goes to school operations, \$187 million is the school debt service transfer.

In their Advertised Budget Plan, however,

the School Board requested a \$1.84 billion transfer for operations. They asked for a \$70.6 million increase and got \$56.6 million.

Some additional money from the Virginia General Assembly and a decrease in employer contributions to the Virginia Retirement system helped reduce that \$14 million to \$7.6 million.

The School Board's Approved 2016 budget is a 2.2 percent increase over 2015, or \$53.9 million. Though the budget team made \$61.4 million in reductions, pushing back school start times, adding full-day Mondays for elementary schools, enroll-

ment increases and reducing class size in certain elementary schools were all factors contributing to the increase from 2015.

For the 2014-2015 school year, enrollment was 186,785, up from 183,895 the previous year. That increase cost the school system an additional \$19.5 million. For 2015-2016, the projection is a \$21.3 million increase to cover enrollment growth.

COMING IN UNDER the market scale

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NEWS

This homeowner loves the stand of trees by his house along Georgetown Pike. The County is negotiating with him and other neighbors of Falls Bridge Lane on placement of a trail to be constructed.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

'Damage Done,' Now What?

Construction of trail from Turner Farm to Seneca Road to proceed in phases; residents hope to save as many trees as possible.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Irony intersected Walker Road and Georgetown Pike last Wednesday night, May 20, traversing north and south along Great Falls' historic by way.

At The Old Brogue, the Great Falls Historical Society awarded John J. Adams the Jean Tibbetts History Award, partly for his decades of work to preserve the historic integrity of the 12-mile beloved roadway.

But at precisely the same time, across the street at the Great Falls Library, the Great Falls Trail Blazers were discussing the clearing of mature trees along the Pike, a road they hope to make more enjoyable and accessible to pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians and others.

"We live in an amazing, beautiful area but it is very difficult to walk in this area without putting your life on the line every time you step onto the nearest road," said Julie Ben-Achour, of the Great Falls Trail

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SHEPHARD HILL

A Georgetown Pike Trail was approved years ago, but neighbors were caught by surprise when many mature trees were chopped down.

Many popular wedding dress styles use strapless necklines and body-conscious mermaid skirts. A bride's body may be showcased in a way she is not used to, and exercise alone may not tighten hidden trouble zones like the back of the arms, lower abdomen or hips and thighs.

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The Fiscal Year 2016 Approved Budget for Fairfax County Public Schools passed by a 10-2 vote.

School Budget Adopted

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adjustment and its effect on employees, particularly teachers, was a main subject of discussion during the meeting.

"It all comes down to our credibility," said Megan McLaughlin, representing the Braddock District. "Employee compensation is a top priority. Tonight, we're taking one of our most important priorities and short-changing it."

McLaughlin introduced two variations on a similar amendment to the budget that would each restore the full market scale adjustment. She proposed cutting the recurring funding that allows students to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests for free, saving \$5 million.

To buy time for additional community discussion and problem-solving, her amendments also called for Superintendent Karen Garza to set aside one-time funding to continue paying for students' test fees in the 2015-2016 school year.

One of her proposed sources of that one-time funding was drawing from the school system's flexible reserve fund of \$8 million. That notion was an unpopular one among the majority of other board members.

Sully District representative Kathy Smith said drawing from the emergency fund as a one-time solution was "just not a fiscally responsible decision. You pray that you don't need it."

Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District, had prepared an amendment that proposed reversing the board's recent decision to raise future members' salaries in order to offset some of the budget reductions.

But after both of McLaughlin's amendments failed, she said, "It's clear we're not getting any traction." Schultz then rescinded her amendment, calling it "shameful."

During the discussion, board members voiced frus-

tration with the Board of Supervisors for not fully funding their request.

"I'm very disappointed," said vice chairman Ted Velkoff. "I feel like the supervisors have unwittingly validated the cynics — you'll never be able to work with them."

Velkoff said more help could come from the General Assembly. "The focus needs to shift to Richmond," he said, where representatives are "failing to fund localities in the commonwealth. Frankly your Board of Supervisors and School Board don't have the tools they need in order to solve these problems."

At-large member Ryan McElveen acknowledged there are "always tensions between our two boards at budget time," but that "none of us wants to make enemies of the Board of Supervisors."

McElveen said John Foust (D-Dranesville) and other supervisors did "what they could for us." But, he said, "We're entering a new normal and unfortunately it's pitiful, absolutely pitiful."

IN HER STATEMENT announcing the vote, chairman Tammy Derenak Kaufax said, "We recognize that the Board of Supervisors cares about our great schools and shares our vision to make education our community's top priority. We also recognize that there are no easy answers to our budget challenges. We will continue to work with the Board of Supervisors, along with state and federal representatives, to find solutions that support our students, families, teachers and staff, maintaining FCPS' reputation for excellence."

But acknowledging the projected \$100 million deficit for the schools' 2017 budget, she said, "Tomorrow we know the even harder work begins." Referencing Garza's publicly shared concerns over the future shortfalls, the chairman added, "Our ability to best serve our children is in jeopardy now."

More information and resources about the FY2016 and FY2017 budgets are available online at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2016.shtml.

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OPINION

Voting, June 9

No, not for Hillary or Jeb or Carly.
Locally, June 9, 2015 is an
Election Day that counts.

To listen to the national news, one would think that the next Presidential election is in November. But no. That's November 2016.

In the meantime, every year is an Election year in Virginia, and in 2015, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot.

In heavily Democratic districts (or any district that is solidly one party or the other), any real competition comes in the primary.

That's June 9 in parts of Fairfax County in the Mount Vernon magisterial district, and in House of Delegates Districts 44 and 45.

Four Democrats are on the June 9 ballot seeking to be the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Gerry Hyland as the Mount Vernon representative to the Board of Supervisors. Hyland has represented Mount Vernon since 1988.

Two Democrats are seeking to be the party nominee for House of Delegates District 44. Scott Surovell is giving up the seat he has held since 2009 to run for State Senate to replace retiring Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36).

Five Democrats are on the ballot on June 9 for House of Delegates District 45, to replace Del. Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

If you live in one of the affected districts, you will vote on June 9 at your usual polling place. Be sure to bring photo identification.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, in November, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman.

Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-large members.

Fairfax County's Constitutional Officers, Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's

Attorney are on the ballot in November, as are three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

EDITORIAL

Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats.

So every Fairfax County voter will face a variety of critically important choices in November. But first, consider the options on June 9.

On the Ballot June 9, Democratic Primary, Fairfax County

MORE ON Fairfax County voting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District, Democratic Primary

Four Democrats vie to replace retiring Gerry Hyland

- ❖ Daniel G. "Dan" Storck, Email: danforsupervisor@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.danstorck.org/>
- ❖ Candice L. Bennett, Email: candice@electcandicebennett.com, Website: <http://www.electcandicebennett.com>
- ❖ Timothy J. Sargeant, Email: timmvernon@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.timsargeant.com>
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Mount Vernon Gazette/Connection coverage of the Mount Vernon Supervisor race
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/20/mount-vernon-candidates-seek-primary-victory/>
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/apr/16/democrats-debate-district-supervisor/>

Member House of Delegates, 44th District, Democratic Primary

Two Democrats compete for the nomination to replace Scott Surovell who is running for Virginia Senate District 36, to replace retiring Toddy Puller

- ❖ Paul E. Krizek, Email: paul@paulkrizek.com, Website: <http://www.paulkrizek.com>
- ❖ Justin M. Brown, Email: justin4va@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.brown4delegate.com>

Member House of Delegates, 45th District, Democratic Primary

Five Democrats vie to replace Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

- ❖ Mark Levine, Email: mark@markfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.markfordelegate.com>
- ❖ Julie Jakopic, Email: juliejakopic@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.juliefordelagate.com>
- ❖ Clarence Tong, Email: clarence.tong@gmail.com, Website: <http://clarecetong.com/>
- ❖ L.M. "Larry" Altenburg II, Email: larry@larryaltenburg.net, Website: <http://altenburgfordelegate.net/>
- ❖ Craig Fifer, Email: craig@fiferfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.fiferfordelegate.com>

Connection coverage of the race for the 45th
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/fight-45th/>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mason District, Democratic Primary

Incumbent Penny Gross is facing her first primary challenge

- ❖ Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Email: gross.penny@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.pennygross.com>
- ❖ Jessica M. Swanson, Email: swanson.jessica@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.swansonforfairfax.com>

Republicans, Party Canvass, June 4. Republicans in the 44th and 45th House District and 30th Senate District will choose candidates at a Party Canvass (sometimes called a firehouse primary) on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

There are no other Republican canvasses scheduled in any other state or local race in Fairfax County. The Sully district GOP Canvass for member of the Board of Supervisors was held in April. See <http://fairfaxgop.org/>

Honoring the Fallen This Memorial Day

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK
U.S. REP. (R-10)

America is a nation built on sacrifice. From the Founding Fathers, who in the Declaration of Independence concluded our founding document by pledging "...our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor," to those soldiers who are fighting against the current terrorist threat today, Americans have stood together in the fight for freedom. This is why Memorial Day is a special day, and a day on which all Americans should honor the fallen.

Every day as I drive to work to the U.S. Congress down the George Washington Memorial Parkway, I am reminded of the great sacrifices men and women have made for our country so we can remain free. First, I pass the

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial depicting the iconic image of the Iwo Jima flag-raising on February 23, 1945. During World War II, on that one small island, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, nearly 7,000 Americans lost their lives. Then I pass Arlington National Cemetery where rows upon rows of American heroes eternally rest in what truly is a cathedral to their sacrifices.

During a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in 1982, President Ronald Reagan said:

"The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we

— in a less final, less heroic way — be willing to give of ourselves."

Those inspiring and poignant words still ring true today. Being a citizen of the United States of America comes with great responsibility because of those who came before us and gave their last full measure of devotion. For almost 240 years, patriots of Northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley have given their lives for our Country. Below is a list of names of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Read their names, remember, and think of the loved ones they left behind. We keep them in our prayers.

Daniel Bennett, Marine Corps, Operation Enduring Freedom, Clifton

Craig Cherry, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Winchester
William Downs, Air Force, Op-

eration Iraqi Freedom, Winchester

Douglas Green, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Sterling

Kyle Hemauer, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Manassas

Dillon Jutras, Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Fairfax Station

Jeffrey Kaylor, Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Clifton

Scott Kirkpatrick, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sterling

Stephan Mace, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Lovettsville

David Owens Jr., Marine Corps, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Winchester

Benjamin Park, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Fairfax Station

Michael Quin, Operation Enduring Freedom, Purcellville

Colin Wolfe, Marine Corps, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Manassas

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Calvin Follin reads the names of the 25 Great Falls residents who have died in the line of duty. Sara Hilgartner rings a ceremonial bell for each person on the list.



(From left): Chip Comstock, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Wesley Pan and Thomas Windus of Boy Scout Troop 55, Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades, and Andy Wilson, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

Great Falls Honors Fallen

By NIKKI CHESHIRE
THE CONNECTION

A record number of people attended this year's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza. The memorial was founded in the years after September 11, 2001 in remembrance of Great Falls residents who died while serving the country.

Remarks were made by Andy Wilson, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, Pastor John

Bradford, and keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades of the United States Marine Corps, who served for 32 years in active duty.

"Those serving today are the best America has to offer," said Lt. Gen. Blades. "Our nation will always remember with deepest gratitude and thankfulness the ultimate sacrifice of those that have given their all for us. And in our prayers and memories, we must never forget the families that were left behind to bear the sorrow and to continue on with their lives after the loss of their loved ones."

Memorial Day ceremony held at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza.

In addition to the 25 names of the Great Falls residents who lost their lives in the line of duty, a special dedication was made. A white oak tree now stands in memory of Col. Pete Hilgartner, the founder of the Freedom Memorial, who passed away earlier this year at 87 years old. Next to the tree is a memorial stone that will mark the tree for years to come.

"He loved his country, he loved Great Falls, and he loved his family. He was a Marine's Marine," said Sara Hilgartner about her late husband, Pete. "The ceremony was wonderful, and was meaningful for Pete. He loved it."

Other notable attendants included retired Congressman Frank Wolf, State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, and Jennifer Chronis, candidate for Dranesville Supervisor.

The Great Falls Freedom Memorial will be the focal point of several more events this year, including being the starting point for the 5K run on July 4, a 9/11 candlelight vigil, and a ceremony on Veterans Day.

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Sara Hilgartner, Andy Wilson and Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades add mulch as a ceremonial gesture to the white oak tree dedicated to the late Col. Pete Hilgartner, founder of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

This year's keynote speaker was Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades of the United States Marine Corps. Lt. Gen. Blades served for 32 years.

Residents Surprised by Tree Clearing for Trail

FROM PAGE 4

Blazers. "Our goals are simply to connect our wonderful community with trails and make it a walkable area for all."

But neighbors, advocates for trees, even members of the Trail Blazers themselves, were surprised when mature oaks and pines came down by the dozens along a stretch of Georgetown Pike near Falls Manors Court recently for the construction of the six-foot-wide trail. The ADA compliant, partly federally funded trail will eventually connect Georgetown Pike from Turner Farm to Seneca Road.

"Some of it was a shock to all of us," said Mary Cassidy-Anger, president of the Trail Blazers, who helped lead Wednesday night's meeting that a dozen attended.

SINCE THE CLEARING, Falls Manors Court resident Shephard "Shep" Hill has been asking for a dialogue in order to ensure the same thing doesn't happen along the rest of Georgetown Pike. "I'm not against trails," he said. But Hill wants to know why so many trees had to be taken down; if there's a way to build the rest of the path in a less obtrusive way; and why his neighborhood wasn't notified before the trees came down.

A public meeting had been held to alert residents to the approved construction, Trail Blazers said. But that public meeting occurred in 2011.

"We need to let the community know what's going on," said Cassidy-Anger. "We could have, should have, if nothing

more, communicated with the HOAs to get word out."

Bob Vickers, Dranesville Representative to the Fairfax County Tree Commission, has spent more than eight years advocating for trees in the Dranesville District.

"I've worked with you for a long time, but I have to say, this one caught me by surprise," Vickers said at the library meeting. "The damage is done," he said, adding that he wants to ensure that future construction preserves more trees.

Jane Edmondson, legislative aide to Supervisor John Foust, said Foust's office wasn't contacted before the construction began and didn't have time to alert the public. But she pledged updates will be included in Foust's newsletter.

Funds have been secured to extend the path from Falls Bridge Lane to Seneca Road, according to the Trail Blazers. Construction is anticipated to begin on that segment in 2019.

Cassidy-Anger said the Trail Blazers group seeks to find people interested in helping them with outreach and public relations. "We are a small group tackling a big project," she said.

FOUR OPTIONS are on the books for the Falls Bridge Lane neighborhood north of Falls Chase Court, the next segment to be constructed that the Trail Blazers call "Segment 3."

Two options would clear 55 to 70 trees and one proposal would need to take down approximately 10. But drainage and erosion control issues, berms, historical integrity of Georgetown Pike, turn lanes, and other is-

sues will impact the decision.

The fourth proposal has already been cut down.

"Negotiations are underway," according to the Trail Blazers website.

Bob Ayers, engineer with Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and Craig Herwig from the County's Department of Urban Forest Management joined in a neighborhood meeting in the sunshine on Monday afternoon, May 18 to alert Falls Bridge Lane homeowners of the upcoming trail construction by their neighborhood.

The homeowner at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Falls Bridge Lane will be most affected, because his house is very close to Georgetown Pike.

"That stand of trees serves a very important purpose," he said. "As I drive up Georgetown Pike, it's beautiful. When I come up to my house, I think it's great that all I see is trees."

The stand of trees in question serves as his privacy, shields his house from Georgetown Pike and works as noise abatement.

His house is one of the the closest houses to the Pike along the 12 mile road, said Cassidy-Anger. "I think there's one other house that's closer," he said.

The county had alerted him, he said, and he has been negotiating for months on what to do about his property and trees.

The rest of Great Falls wants to be kept out of the dark.

"If we can put a trail in that goes out of its way to preserve trees then I'm with you," said Vickers.

"We will try to preserve the trees the best we can," Cassidy-Anger said.

Georgetown Pike Trail: Utterback Store to Seneca Road

Phase II, III and IV of the Georgetown Pike Trail will complete the "Western Gateway" portion of the Great Falls Trail Blazers Pike trail. This segment will connect with the Route 7 trail being installed during the widening, giving pedestrians and cyclists direct access to the Fairfax County Parkway trail and the W&OD trail.

♦ **Phase II:** Utterback Store Road to Falls Chase Court
Start Date: April 2015
Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2015

This phase is funded by a federal highway grant Great Falls Trail Blazers secured in 2010. At the request of the Trail Blazers, the county is using this segment as a pilot project for use of a geotextile product which will allow for greater stabilization of the stone dust surface.

"There was some concern that too many trees have been cut down at the start of this process, therefore, negatively affecting the aesthetics of the Pike. We understand that it can be disturbing to see trees cut down. In fact, the trail was moved closer to Georgetown Pike to mitigate the need for additional tree removal," according to the Trail Blazers web site.

♦ **Phase III:** Falls Bridge Lane, In Negotiations
Phase III will be a stone dust extension of existing trail at the end of Falls Bridge Lane. Several factors including the historic integrity of the Pike and tree preservation are being discussed in the negotiation of the trail's placement.

♦ **Phase IV:** Falls Bridge Lane to Seneca Road
Estimated Start Date: 2019
Trail easement is already in place for the length of this segment.
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Lord and Lady Fairfax Crowned

In Dranesville,
Sarah C. Kirk and
Robert D. Vickers Jr.

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. announced the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

"The tradition of honoring Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 to recognize exceptional citizens of Fairfax County," according to Celebrate Fairfax. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from each district who have demonstrated superior volunteer service, heroism or other special accomplishments.

Supervisor John Foust awarded this year's Lady Fairfax honor in Dranesville to Sarah C. Kirk, a horsewoman, entrepreneur, mother of six children and a 30-plus year resident of Fairfax County, he said.

"When the riding arena opened at Turner Farm Park, Fairfax County Park Authority leadership asked for help in maintaining it," said Foust. "Ms. Kirk had an idea, and the charity, Turner Farm Events, or TFE, was born."

Turner Farm Events raises funds and has donated more than \$13,000 to the Park Authority by running horse shows and other equestrian events at the park. It has purchased new jumps, poles and equipment.

"Putting her passions into action, Ms. Kirk engages like-minded souls and makes good things happen in Fairfax County," said Foust.

In 2013 after her daughter died of suicide, Kirk founded the Becky Love Foundation, a charity to raise funds and awareness for mental health. Last year, the Foundation held a fundraiser at Turner Farm Park, Mothers 5K for Mental Health, and raised more than \$3,000.

Foust honored Robert D. Vickers Jr. as Lord Fairfax in the Dranesville District, a "strong advocate for tree preservation."

Vickers has been the Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County Tree Commission for the past eight years.

"Mr. Vickers was the driving force behind the creation of the Fairfax County Celebrated Tree program, which has since led to 70 of the largest trees in the County being placed in the Virginia Big Tree database, including about 20 current state champions and three former national champions," said Foust. "Since becoming Chairman of the Commission in 2012, he has greatly improved the annual County Tree Preservation and Planting awards process, and he continues to work closely with citizens groups in McLean, Great Falls and Herndon to preserve and protect our endangered urban tree canopy for future generations."

The Lords and Ladies will be honored at a special dinner hosted by Great American Restaurants, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on



The Board of Supervisors named the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax on Tuesday, May 12.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

At Large: Kate Hanley and Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova named Katherine K. Hanley, former Board Chairman, as this year's At-Large Lady Fairfax.

Hanley was first elected to the Fairfax County School Board, then the Board of Supervisors as the Providence District Supervisor and then as Board of Supervisors Chairman.

"During her tenure, Ms. Hanley worked tirelessly with other members of the Board, not only advocating for education, but also for human services and affordable housing. In recognition, a homeless shelter for families, was named after her. Recently additional transitional housing units called 'Kate's Place' were built adjacent to the shelter," said Bulova.

Hanley was instrumental in the establishment of the Revenue Stabilization fund along with a significant investment in building Fairfax County's Information Technology infrastructure, said Bulova. "She was also a great proponent of transportation initiatives, helping to position the Silver Line for federal funding."

After leaving the Board of Supervisors, Hanley served as Secretary of the Commonwealth, and is now on the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, the Fairfax County Electoral Board and the Community Services Board. She has led the bipartisan election commission, the committee on the meals tax, an effort that brought together disparate, competing groups who came up with a near unanimous vote to bring a report to the Board of Supervisors, said Bulova.

Bulova cited Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw's

love for history, love of country and love of service reasons she named him the 2015 Lord Fairfax.

"Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw is well known for his tireless work to preserve history in Fairfax County," said Bulova. "His love of our past earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award from the History Commission for his decades of service as a Civil War Historian."

The Park Authority honored Lt. Col. McAnaw by naming a Recreation area for his significant preservation efforts.

A veteran serving in leadership roles within VFW Post 8469, Lt. Col. McAnaw is the past President of the Bull Run Civil War

Roundtable. He helped lead the effort to preserve Ox Hill, an important Civil War site. In addition to this, he is also a Board Member of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and has served as a historian for a number of local organizations in Fairfax County.

In his Kings Park West community, Lt. Col. McAnaw has served as Chairman of the Parks committee, leading numerous efforts to mobilize scouts and volunteers to build and maintain trails throughout the parkland surrounding Royal Lake.

— KEN MOORE

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to north@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Women's Leadership Council 2015. 9:30-10:30 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons. A one hour informational/planning meeting about upcoming events sponsored by Women's Leadership Council. They will be discussing their February event "For the Love of Finance."

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Northern Virginia Family Service Job Fair. 9-10:30 a.m. NVFS, 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton. NVFS is expanding its shelter operations in locations throughout Northern Virginia, and will be holding a job fair for interested human service professionals. All new positions will begin mid-June 2015. Dress professionally, bring your resume and be prepared for brief on-the-spot interviews. Position descriptions are posted online at www.nvfs.org/careers.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

STEP Forward Volunteer Fair. 5:30-9 p.m. McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Recruit potential committee and/or board member volunteers at this fair

presented by CNM, Computer C.O.R.E., and Rebuilding Together Alexandria. The fair will create exposure to the needs of our community and raise awareness about your local non-profit and/or programs. Nonprofits registration <http://cysilvera.wix.com/stepforward>. Open to the public.

ONGOING

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

Run With the Doctor. Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd, Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. facebook.com/runwiththedoctor.

NEWS



Monica Marusceau and Ramzy Ayachi, Medifast's health coaches, explain the program to Lynda Maguire, left, during the Fontaine de Jeunesse open house in Great Falls.



COURTESY PHOTOS
Dr. Jeanette Coutin performs a MicroPen treatment.

Fontaine de Jeunesse Holds Open House

Dr. Jeanette Coutin's Fontaine de Jeunesse Great Falls MedSpa hosted an open house on April 28. Coutin spoke about the services, current and new, offered at the spa, and visitors had the opportunity to get treatments for free.

Coutin is launching a new non-invasive innovation in aesthetic medicine. It is called "MicroPen," also known as Collagen Induction Therapy (CIT).

It is a treatment targeting to fine lines, wrinkles, acne scars, improvement of tone and color, hyperpigmentation, age spots, sun damage and stretch marks.

Along with the new "MicroPen" treatment, Coutin keeps on offering the Venus Freeze and Venus Legacy treatments, that stimulate the body and face collagen and elasticity production.

Fontaine de Jeunesse MedSpa offers integrated solutions to the clients care through the SkinCeutical products and Medifast diet approach as well as facials and massages.

All services were demonstrated to friends and visitors, who were complementary treated by Coutin and her competent team members at the MedSpa's open house.

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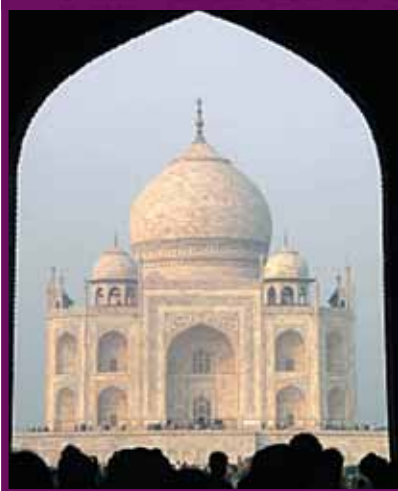


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WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

A.R. Rahman. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. From Bollywood to Hollywood, this Grammy and Academy Award-winning musician is one of the world's most prolific film composers—he was the mastermind behind Slumdog Millionaire's award-winning score and he mixes genres spanning Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap to create his astonishing compositions. Tickets: \$45-\$175.

Midday Thrillers: "Gaslight (1944)." 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Come by for a midday movie. Free.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

Iranian Music and Dancing. Noon. Pimmit Hills Senior Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church. Embrace the aging experience by indulging in this celebration of life and culture. Dance alongside traditional Persian folk dancers, or showcase your own moves. 703-734-3338. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs

Tyson's Thursday Music in the Park Series. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Greensboro Green. Food trucks and live music.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee.

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 28-29

"A Disney Spectacular." 7 p.m. McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. The show will feature songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Jungle Book, Pocahontas, and Aladdin. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students up to 8th grade.

FRIDAY/MAY 29

"American Spiritual." The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. 8 p.m. The group mixes traditional, original and contemporary sounds on fiddle, guitar, bass and recycled percussion and tops that with joyous harmonies from four skilled lead singers. Tickets are \$30, \$20 for McLean tax district residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

Langley High School Band Spring Concert.

7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Three bands will perform under the direction of Doug Martin including the Jazz Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Symphony. One highlight of the program is the Wind Symphony playing a piece called Eternity's Sunrise that Langley High School commissioned composer Scott Lindroth to create for its upcoming 50th anniversary. Free.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups.

Drop-in Chess and Board Games. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and Play Chess and assorted board



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games. All skill levels and ages welcome. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>

FRIDAY MAY 29-JUNE 5

"The Good Counselor." Fridays: 8 p.m. Saturdays: 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 & 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Vincent seeks truth, not only for his client, a mother accused of killing her 3-week-old son, but also for himself and his haunted past with his own neglectful mother. Both riveting and poetic in the same breath, this vibrant new play is not just another courtroom drama but a thoughtful and thought-provoking examination of human failing and redemption. <http://www.1ststagetysons.org/upcoming.html>

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Kool & the Gang Chaka Khan. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Get down with the pop funk party-starters whose arrangements have made them the most sampled band of all time; then dance it up with the international music icon widely-regarded as the "Queen of Funk Soul." Tickets: \$30-\$60.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. A plain air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception, Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale "Blues Explosion" to close the weekend and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit <http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/>

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 16

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Full schedule list: <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

The Okee Dokee Brothers. 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers share their passion for the outdoors through their Americana Folk music. \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. <http://www.okeedoquee.org/>

Avenue of Art. 1-5 p.m. Church Street in Vienna. Church Street becomes a pedestrian plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects,

face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine. Music by the Difficult Run String Band. 703-319-3971.

www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

Specimen Plants for Your Garden.

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. What makes a great specimen plant—its appearance, origin, culture or culture life cycle? Join Meadowlark Manager Keith Tomlinson on a walk to learn about many of these plants that you can grow in your own garden. Participants should come prepared to walk a mile. There is no program fee, but regular Garden admission applies (\$2.50-\$5). Reservations are not required, but suggested. 703-255-3631.

Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green.

6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Center, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Pack up your picnic dinner, blanket and a couple of chairs and come out for some great, live music. This week's concert is Mike Terpak and Blues Explosion.

MONDAY/JUNE 1

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Golf & Country Club Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Individual golfers are \$175 and foursomes are \$600. Opportunities for sponsorships available! For more information: www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls.

MONDAY/JUNE 8

Discovery Time I. 9 a.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Oceans Week Theme-based activities such as games, crafts, special projects and hikes help children discover these wonders of science. Bring snack, lunch and drink daily. An activity fee is due on the first day (\$5 for 4-hr camps). 3-5 years old.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Vienna Sustainable Home and Garden Tour. 1-4 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. Your neighbors are opening their homes and gardens to you to show and discuss modifications that they have made to make Vienna a more sustainable community. Visit all or some of them to learn more about using reclaimed items in your renovation, energy efficiency, geothermal heating and cooling, native plants and gardening with deer. <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=955>.



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SUMMER FUN: FAIRS & FESTIVALS 2015

May

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

Herndon Festival. Thursday: 6-10 p.m. Friday 5-11 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, a carnival, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more! All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more information.

FRIDAY/MAY 29 - AUG. 28

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Arts & Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Silent Auction, homemade desserts and fine china light lunch. Funds will support a comprehensive emergency response and recovery program to assist the Nigerian families made homeless and suffering by the attacks of Boko Haram.

SATURDAY/MAY 30-SEPT. 5

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center. The 25th season is extended through September 5 and kicks off with swing/jump blues favorite Big Joe & the Dynafloes. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

Great Falls Artfest. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. A plein air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception. <http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/>

Springfield Days. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 16

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Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music at the Great Falls Village Centre Green, Sundays, 6-8 p.m., May 31-Aug. 16.

foursomes are \$600. www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. www.celebratefairfax.com/.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-14

2nd Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. www.belovedyoga.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18-SEPT. 3

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break.shtml for weekly lineup.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 26-JULY 5

World Police & Fire Games. Thousands of athletes from 70 countries will converge in Fairfax County for 10 days of competitions. Entertainment and activities will be hosted by Reston Town Center during the games. Fairfax2015.com

SATURDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 22

Lake Fairfax Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. 1400 Lake Fairfax Park, Reston. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids

and parks. Call 703-471-5414.

July

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 7 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 18-19

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

2015 Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more.

August

SATURDAY/AUG. 8

Silver Line Music & Food Truck Festival. 12-9 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Admission is free, over 20 food trucks and fun.

September

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Great Tastes of Tysons Festival. 12-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive. World-renowned chefs, international wines and foods, outdoor grilling, workshops and more. Visit <http://tastetysons.com/> for more.

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Marshall Boys' Lacrosse Wins First Conference Championship

Statesmen defeat Mount Vernon in Conference 13 tournament final.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Victory was a rare experience in recent seasons for the Marshall boys' lacrosse program.

From 2008 through 2014, the Statesmen totaled just 13 wins, according to laxpower.com. Marshall experienced a pair of winless seasons during the seven-year stretch and labored through a 29-game losing streak.

In 2012, when current Marshall senior Owen Crizer was a ninth-grader, the Statesmen finished 1-14.

"When I was a freshman," Crizer said, "the team was kind of the joke of Marshall High School."

Times were hard for the Statesmen, but players continued to work. Three years later, after a coaching change and two more losing seasons, things started to turn around.

On Thursday night, the Statesmen completed their transition from "joke" to champion.

MARSHALL defeated Mount Vernon 17-10 in the Conference 13 tournament championship game at Mount Vernon High School. The Statesmen led 8-5 at halftime and pulled away in the second half, earning the first championship banner in program history.

"It's incredible," said Crizer, the 2015 Conference 13 Player of the Year. "My sophomore year, we had a new coach and so there was a whole different feel."

That new coach was Kevin Curtin, who took over the Marshall program in 2013. The Statesmen finished 0-14 in Curtin's first season, and improved to 4-9 the following year. Marshall ended the 2015 regular season with a 6-5 record before beating Tho-



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Marshall boys' lacrosse team won the Conference 13 championship on May 21, beating Mount Vernon 17-10.

Madison Girls' Lacrosse Wins Conference 6 Title

After crushing Hayfield (25-1) and Yorktown (26-3), the Madison girls' lacrosse team fought a tougher match against the Langley Saxons but prevailed 14-9 to win the Conference 6 championship on May 22.

Scoring for the Warhawks over the course of the tournament were Allison Krisko, Shannon Condon, Zoe Dyer, Anya

Saponja, Maddie Roberts, Hailey Swaak, Andie Battin, Carly Rogers, Lia Cooley, Kierra Sweeney, Katie Sciandra, Caroline Kurtz, Ashley Go, Diana Lowther, and Annabel Bentley.

Sigourney Heerink and Ellie Socher shared goalie duties, with Heerink blocking six Langley attempts in the final.

mas Jefferson, Stuart and Mount Vernon in the conference tournament.

How did the Statesmen turn things around?

"The boys," said Curtin, who received 2015 Conference 13 Coach of the Year honors. "It's as simple as that. It's the guys who bought into being dedicated to lacrosse, playing year-round and making a commitment to each other."

What kind of a coach is Curtin?

"He takes his job very seriously," junior midfielder Chase Barrand said. "He always pushes us to work hard and then he knows the perfect times when to relax and give us the day off. He just always pushes us to the limit and always makes us the best we want to be."

On Thursday, Marshall received clutch offensive performances from a trio of first-

team all-conference selections. Barrand scored a team-high five goals and added two assists. Crizer totaled four goals and five assists, and junior attackman Andrew McDonald added four goals and three assists.

"The first few years we started off with a lot of young kids on varsity," Barrand said, "and then this was kind of our year to shine because we had the upperclassmen as leaders and the juniors were stepping up big ..."

Junior midfielder Mikey Briody, senior midfielder Mick McGuire, sophomore attackman Ben Winicour and senior midfielder Sean Hoffman each scored one goal for the Statesmen.

Marshall senior defenseman Jackson Lee was also a first-team all-conference selection.

After Mount Vernon tied the score at 4 with 8:53 remaining in the second quarter, Marshall responded with an 8-1 run, taking a 12-5 lead when Crizer scored with 1:21 left in the third quarter.

Mount Vernon attackman Justin Fees scored with 40 seconds remaining in the third quarter, cutting Marshall's lead to six while ending a 14-minute, 45-second scoring drought for the Majors.

The Statesmen led by as many as nine goals in the fourth quarter.

"It's pretty surreal," Curtin said. "[There has been] a lot of work over the last couple years that really seems to be paying off today. It's pretty fantastic."

NEXT UP for Marshall is the 5A North region tournament. On Thursday night, however, the Statesmen celebrated their accomplishment.

"It's huge," Barrand said. "It's our first-ever conference championship, first-ever banner for lacrosse. This is really, I feel like, the starting point and the turning point for Marshall lacrosse."

Chantilly Baseball Beats Oakton for Conference 5 Championship

DiCesare drives in winning run, earns victory on mound.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After driving in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning, Chantilly's Jared DiCesare stepped on the mound and ensured there would be no three-peat for the Oakton baseball team.

DiCesare gave the Chargers the lead with an RBI single down the third-base line and the junior right-hander pitched three innings of scoreless relief as

Oakton sophomore pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham suffered a tough-luck loss against Chantilly in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22, allowing two runs on four hits in six innings.



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Chantilly defeated Oakton 2-1 in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22 at Westfield High School.

Facing the Cougars in the conference/district final for the third straight year, the Chargers fell behind 1-0 after Oakton shortstop Joe Rizzo blasted a solo homer in the third inning. The Cougars remained in front

Oakton shortstop Joe Rizzo touches home plate after hitting a solo home run in the third inning of the Conference 5 championship game on May 22.

until the bottom of the fifth, when Chantilly senior Kordell Hutzell tied the score with an RBI double off Oakton pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham. Three batters later, DiCesare snuck a grounder down the third-base line, giving the Chargers a 2-1 lead.

"[Shigaki-Tham] located [the pitch] perfectly, but I know I just didn't want to get

behind in the count, so I wanted to see if I could drive something," DiCesare said. "Thankfully, I found a little hole down third-base line."

DiCesare, who came on in relief in the top of the fifth inning, retired six of the final seven batters he faced to secure the win.

"Payback," DiCesare said, "feels great."

DiCesare allowed two hits, walked one and struck out one in three shutout innings. Oakton defeated Chantilly in the 2013 and 2014 conference/district championship games. Last year, the Chargers won both regular-season matchups before losing to the Cougars 5-1 in the conference final. Chantilly would bounce back, however, winning the region championship and advancing to the state championship game.



John Adams with his wife Barbara Adams. See www.connectionnewspapers.com for short video of his acceptance speech and history of Georgetown Pike.

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Approximately three dozen members of the Great Falls Historical Society and residents of Great Falls and McLean came to honor John J. Adams at The Old Brogue in Great Falls on Wednesday, May 20.

309 Houses or Scott's Nature Preserve?

Great Falls Historical Society thanks John J. Adams for “tireless,” impactful preservation efforts.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Without John J. Adams and Betty Cooke, Scott's Run Nature Preserve could have been developed into 309 houses.

Without John J. Adams, the 12-mile Georgetown Pike could have been a four-lane, or more, “highway,” not Great Falls’ historic two-lane byway which was officially designated as Virginia’s “first” in 1974.

And without John J. Adams, there might not be a 125-page blueprint that the Virginia Senate adopted in 1974 which governs all aspects of historic preservation of Georgetown Pike; or the 1998 Virginia Senate Resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to assist in preserving Georgetown Pike.

“We are all beneficiaries of [Adam’s] efforts, which, in collaboration with other community groups, have resulted in securing the designation of Georgetown Pike as a Virginia Scenic and Historical Byway,” said Kathleen Murphy, Great Falls Historical Society President.

Adams “was one of the earliest-concerned citizens instrumental in effectively battling for the protection, and ultimately the acquisition of the 336-acre Scott’s Run as a Nature Preserve,” she said.

The Great Falls Historical Society named John J. Adams the “The Tibbetts Award 2015 Honoree” at a festive celebration at The Old Brogue on May 20, 2015 that included steak, salmon and chicken entrees and calamari and hummus appetizers.

“The quality that strikes me that I’ve learned about John is his unselfish dedication to the community and the better good



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

Former Great Falls reporter Beverly Bradford with McLean’s Merrily Pierce. Bradford gave her Top Ten list of why Adams has been such a successful advocate to the community.

for all,” said Jack Nutter, who presented Adams his award.

Murphy called Adams “a role model and guide of how to mount a sufficient effort to turn the tide.”

ADAMS WAS ONE of the founders and long-time president of the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association that he helped create in 1969.

“Membership grew from an initial 20 people to several hundred to thousands within months,” according to the Great Falls Historical Society. And Adams “led the formation of an articulate opposition to powers-that-be at every level of government who were in support of the development of Scott’s Run.”

“John has had an illustrious preservation career,” said member Karen Washburn. “I think this is a very, very long-time, well deserved award, and John, I certainly appreciate everything you have done.”

“Including at the end of the day when Betty passed on, it was John’s idea to name the bridge for her and so it was duly done so other generations will remember Betty Cooke, and if they’ve forgotten who she was or never knew, they’ll want to find out because her name is on the bridge.”

“There’s a funny story behind that,” said Adams.

“Betty for years, she died in 1999, and for years she complained about the clatter,” he said.

“Maybe some of you remember the old bridge that was there had loose boards and she lived right by that clatter. And I would get these frequent calls from her and she’d say, ‘John you have to do something to stop that clatter.’ Well, we finally got the new bridge built.”

COOKE ALERTED the community of the plans to develop the 336-acre Burling Tract in 1968, now Scott’s Run Nature Preserve.

“The land had belonged to an attorney named Edward Burling, Sr., who had a secluded cabin at the site. A developer bought the land after Burling’s death in 1966 and proposed 309 cluster homes for the area that would have left about half of the site as preserved, open land,” according to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

“John always acknowledges Betty Cooke as the person who sounded the alarm about the development that was proposed. She alerted him to a small zoning sign that she saw,” said former Great Falls Connection reporter Beverly Bradford, who offered her

Top Ten list Wednesday of why Adams had so much impact on Great Falls.

Details of the debates over the land’s future have been documented in Betty Cooke’s book, “The History of Old Georgetown Pike.”

“A citizen movement to stop the development arose, and the conflict of ideas that followed over the next year eventually enveloped county residents, the governor of Virginia and local elected officials, four U. S. senators, conservation and park agencies, the federal government, the New York Times, a national conservation organization, developers, protesting high school students and door-to-door petitioners,” according to the Park Authority website. “Eventually a local public referenda passed as voters decided to tax themselves one-and-a-half million dollars to purchase the land, although negotiations over the price continued. Eventually, the U.S. Department of the Interior provided \$3.6 million dollars for purchase of the land, which today belongs to the Fairfax County Park Authority.”

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, Adams recounted the historical significance of that piece of land and the impact Cooke’s activism had on their continued fight together to preserve the Pike the next three decades.

“The density of two acres has been preserved more than anything else, because of saving that one tract,” said Adams.

Recently, the Pike Association has participated in the planning of Clemmyjontri Park in McLean and Turner Farm Equestrian Park and Observatory in Great Falls.

At the awards ceremony, the Society applauded Adams’ five decades of “tireless, passionate and enduring advocacy” to “preserve the integrity and heritage of The Georgetown Pike corridor.”

THREE DOZEN Great Falls and McLean citizens, members of the Great Falls Historical society, past Great Falls journalists and activists joined in honoring him.

The Great Falls Historical Society established the annual Jean Tibbetts History Award in memory of Tibbetts, a former president, historian and author who died in September 2004.

Mad Man



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Really, Matthew Weiner; on the penultimate episode of "Mad Men," Betty Draper/Francis had to be diagnosed with lung cancer with her life expectancy said to be "nine months," with nothing more than "palliative care" available? Weren't there any other suitable diseases appropriate from which to choose? I realize it was the 70s, but...? Was her diagnosis for dramatic effect because lung cancer has been and is such a scourge and its mere mention will elicit the desired viewer reaction? Or were you trying to draw attention to a terrible disease, the research for which is woefully underfunded while it continues to kill more people than the next four cancer diagnoses combined, including breast cancer?

As a lung cancer survivor, I get tired of lung cancer being the go-to disease when entertainment writers want to gasp their audience into emotional submission. When in doubt...actually, you're never in doubt if a character is diagnosed with lung cancer. That diagnosis will definitely shake up your audience. Everyone knows that a diagnosis of lung cancer is not for the faint of heart (and weak of mind) and that its indication, confirmation and association will strike the kind of fear and loathing Hunter S. Thompson never really addressed.

It's a fine line between hope and prayer, and living and enduring for those of us afflicted with this very-often terminal disease. Ergo, we don't need any negative publicity, especially when the context is one that heightens the severity of the diagnosis and increases the anxiety and inevitability of its presumptive outcome. Certainly, increasing awareness helps, but I'd rather it not always be in a negative light to make people feel bad – or is it badly, or both? It's bad enough already; it doesn't need to be made worse, just for ratings.

Granted, in the time frame of these last episodes (the late 60s, Richard Nixon has just been elected), when Betty was diagnosed, palliative care apparently was all that was available for late-stage lung cancer (did they even have stages then?), so her prognosis was pretty grim. And I realize her diagnosis was one of many story lines that had to be wrapped up – or not, in the final episodes, and wasn't necessarily a main focus. But that's not the point I'm addressing. Hearing the words "lung cancer" in yet another tear-jerking semi send-off scene with Henry Francis crying into Sally's lap in her dorm room after telling her about her mother's condition, and later showing Sally – the former brat, home unexpectedly from boarding school, dutifully hand-washing the dishes in the kitchen sink, while her mother sits wistfully at the kitchen table, was almost too much: showing a family uncharacteristically coping – and not coping, because of this death-sentence diagnosis/prognosis.

It's almost as if lung cancer is a prop; to be used whenever news needs to be shockingly, horribly bad. Well, a diagnosis of lung cancer isn't so bad, not so bad as it used to be, anyway. Sure, "lung cancer" are not exactly words you want said in your direction, but six-plus years later, I'm living proof that indeed it's not as bad as Mad Men dramatized. Cancer is hardly a chronic-type disease yet, but its patients are not without many treatment options. Moreover, research and clinical studies across the world show great promise and continue to evolve. I only wish the writers who continue to invoke lung cancer in their scripts might evolve a little bit too.

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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