

Candlelight Cemetery Tour in Oakton

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Meet the Candidates News, Pages 12-14 Historian Jim Lewis next to the gravesite of Capt. George Kenyon (1833-1903), a member of the 50th N.Y. Vol Eng., and one of the Civil War veterans buried in the Flint Hill and Oakton Church of the Brethren cemeteries, during the Candlelight Cemetery Tour on Saturday night.

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The Virginia Department of Transportation presented their "Preferred Alternative" plans for the transformation of I-66 from the Beltway to Gainesville to a packed house at Oakton High School on Oct. 19, with PowerPoint slides and a video to best visualize the project.



Todd Horsley, director of Northern Virginia Transit Programs with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, talks with Oakton resident Robin Terry at the meeting to unveil the latest plans for the transformation of the I-66 corridor outside the Beltway. Terry wonders if there will be enough usage of the proposed bike and pedestrian path alongside the highway to warrant the cost. "I didn't see any studies on that in all of the materials," she stated.)

'Preferred Alternative' Unveiled

VDOT presents Plan for I-66 Outside the Beltway Transformation.

By Andrea Worker The Connection

usan Shaw, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Megaprojects director, described the presentation of plans for the transformation of I-66 outside the Beltway as the "pencils down" version of the project. "But public input is still ongoing," she insisted, and cautioned that alterations for a variety of reasons including the financing of the project and the potential addition of expanded metro services could still affect the final out-of-the-ground results. Shaw was speaking to a packed house on Oct. 19 at Oakton High School during the first of three public hearings to unveil the latest conceptual plans designed to address existing and future transportation problems along the I-66 Corridor from U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket to I-495/Capital Beltway in Fairfax County - not-tooarguably one of the most congested routes in an area that never fails to make the list of worst commutes in America.

In a departure from previous public gatherings on the subject, these meetings (in Oakton, Fairfax and Bristow) were not formatted to allow public commentary, although comment sheets were included in the handouts,

and an army of VDOT and other transportation organizations representatives were on hand in front of map boards detailing each section of the 25-mile project, prepared to listen to the public and answer questions as they were able. Instead, the purpose of these meetings, according to VDOT deputy district administrator Renee Hamilton, is to summarize the history of the project and to present what VDOT is calling the "Preferred Alternative Plan" and the proposed phasing of the massive works



After VDOT's presentation of the I-66 transformation "Preferred Alternative" plan, the public was invited to study the large sectionalized maps of the projects and to ask questions of representatives from VDOT and other transit organization. Many of the attendees went to the boards and immediately looked for their own parcels for any possible effect from the large-scale, years-long project.

project from its anticipated start in 2017, reation areas of Stenwood Elementary School until expected completion in 2025.

PHASE I calls for providing two tolled ex- and pedestrians were also taken into acpress lanes in each direction starting in count. Shaw announced the inclusion of a Gainesville, safety and operational improvements at key interchanges, and new transit services and park-and-ride facilities. According to Hamilton and Shaw, future elements that could be implemented depending on demand and funding include major reconstruction on accesses at Monument Drive

and Stringfellow Road in Fairfax County, express lane access at the Route 234 Bypass, and the widening of I-66 west of Route 28 to make room for further transit expansion in the median. The Phase I works maintains median space for potential metro use east of Route 28. Current estimates put the cost for Phase I at about \$2.1 billion, with an estimated \$2 to \$3 billion for the entire Preferred Alternative Plan.

Hamilton noted that with previous public commentary of some 1,400 submitted comments and approximately 160 small group meetings with various stakeholders, the final proposal was re-worked to lessen impacts on existing homes, parks and businesses. Early plans called for the potential relocation of 35 residential parcels, with impacts to several parks. The Preferred Alternative Plan has reduced that impact to 11 relocations and only one park. Re-draws were made to address citizens concerns about the effect on the rec-

in Dunn Loring.

Comments and suggestions from cyclists blke path to run parallel to 1-66, usually in front of the 1,200 planned panels to be built for noise abatement, with access to Transit Services and Metro stations. Even though she is a proponent of cycling and pedestrian interests, Robin Terry of Oakton was not convinced about that path, especially if it and a design team selected.

"I know we need to do something, but everything I see here seems to show more and larger access points through some heavily populated places to allow more cars to get on and off I-66. Is that really the answer?

—Gayle Curringer of Vienna

is to run on the highway side of the barriers. "I'm not sure there will be enough usage of such a path to warrant that expense," she said. "Really, how much usage will it get? I haven't seen any studies on that."

Gayle Curringer of Vienna also has some worries about the effects of the Preferred Alternative after watching the video that the VDOT team played to offer better visualization of the project. "I know we need to do something," she agreed, "but everything I see here seems to show more and larger access points through some heavily populated places to allow more cars to get on and off I-66. Is that really the answer? Metro is only mentioned as a pretty big 'if' and 'when,' with some new bus service thrown in. I just don't know."

INFORMATION about the entire project, including the PowerPoint from the Preferred Alternative Plan presentation and a link to the video outlining the project are available at the website www.outside.transform66.org. Project Director Shaw told the assembly that VDOT would be back with more information when procurement decisions have been made

News

Vienna Police Highlights Incidents from Oct. 16-22.

Incidents

ivil Matter, 700 Block Kingsley Road, SW, Between Oct. 8 at 12 p.m. and Oct. 20 at 12 p.m. The son of an elderly resident reported an employee working for "Donnie Jenkins Tree Service" approached his mother on Oct. 8, and offered his services for work to be perback yard. After completing the work the employee requested an undisclosed amount of money for the services rendered, which the resident paid. On Oct. 20, the tree service returned to the elderly resident's home and offered to fertilize the yard for a fee of \$2,000. Her son was suspicious the tree service was taking advantage of

formed on a tree in the resident's

his elderly mother and took possession of her checkbook, leaving her no way to pay for the fertilization. Officer Slebonick informed the resident and her son that since work had been completed in the first instance this was a civil matter.

Vandalism, 1000 Block Cottage Street, SW, Between Oct. 14 at noon and Oct. 21 at 1:41 p.m. A resident reported she had frequently found scratches on her vehicle. The vehicle is parked in her driveway, covered with a tarp.

Vandalism, 500 Block Delano Drive, SE, Oct. 15 between midnight and 7 a.m. A resident reported he discovered a small dent on the left rear side of his truck.

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– Faith Notes —

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Requiem will be offered at **St.** John's McLean on Sunday, Nov. 1, during the 5:30 pm service of Holy Eucharist. The St. John's Choir will be joined by choristers from St. Dunstan's Church in McLean and St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station. The Choir will be accompanied by flute, harp, oboe, timpani, and organ. Featuring Requiem by John Rutter.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free. All welcome. For more information, please call 703-356-4902, or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Lutheran Emmanuel Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or www.elcvienna.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you.

Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/ -learning rowth

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Vienna Mayor Receives the Community **Builders** Award

On Tuesday, Oct. 20 a ceremony took place at the Freemason Concord Lodge #307 to present Mayor Laurie DiRocco with the Community Builders Award. The ceremony is designed to recognize and show appreciation for outstanding communityoriented achievements of exceptional people, who reside and work in cities and towns. The Community Builders Award is the highest award given to a community leader by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

James Cudney, current leader of Concord Lodge, said, "Mayor DiRocco is very deserving of this award. She has quickly become a pillar of the community and has a terrific grasp on what it takes to enrich the lives of the residents, businesses, and organizations that energize our town. She has the vision to ensure that the Town of Vienna will continue to evolve as a destination for residents throughout the region. Passage of the Maple Avenue Vision and the establishment of a Public Arts Commission are two examples of this commitment. She also has the drive

Week in Vienna First Night Event 2015 Cancelled

The Vienna Business Association, along with the Town of Vienna, announces that they will not be hosting First Night Vienna 2015.

First Night Vienna, first launched in 2013, is primarily funded by proceeds raised by Oktoberfest. This year's event fell short of securing adequate funds due to the inclement weather.

"The VBA reviewed all the options available to us. It basically boiled down to whether the event as we all know, love, are so proud of, and which has garnered such positive community support, could be scaled back in any way while maintaining its level of excellence," states Kathy Georgen, chairperson of the Vienna Business Association Board of Directors. She continued, "We, as a board, needed to make the difficult decision to suspend this year's event. We have to uphold our fiduciary responsibility to our members and recognize that hosting the event would not be a wise financial decision."

"The Town of Vienna is very appreciative of all the VBA does for the community and we support them in this decision," states Mayor Laurie DiRocco.

The Board of Directors will restructure how it funds First Night and has high expectations the event will be re-introduced to the Vienna community in 2016.

On the Web: www.viennabusiness.org

Vets Hear 'Grant's **Overland Campaign**

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the Nov. 19 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restau-



Mayor Laurie DiRocco receiving the "Community Builders" award from the Worshipful Master, James Cudney on behalf of the Concord Masonic Lodge in Vienna.

to ensure that the Town and various business and service organizations continue hosting Town-wide events that make Vienna an exceptionally unique community in which to live, work, and play. She is a terrific role model and a genuine person. I am proud to call her a friend."

Concord Lodge #307 was founded in 1910 by several community leaders, including the owner of the Freeman Store. In 1924, Concord Lodge bought the building and parcel of land on the corner of Church and Mill Streets. Concord is one of the longest continuously operating entities in the Town of Vienna.

rant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Col. Ben Buckley, U.S. Army (Ret.) will discuss "General Grant's Overland Campaign in Virginia." Col. Buckley holds a Master of American History degree and leads tours of local Civil War battlefields. He is involved in the effort to create a new interpretive trail of the North Anna River Civil War Battlefield. He is a two-tour Vietnam War veteran. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit the web site at www.vva227.org.

Young Men's Service League Accepting Applications

Young Men's Service League is a nonprofit organization that encourages young men and their mothers to pursue philanthropic involvement in their community and provides an opportunity to enhance mother/ son relationships.

Young Men's League Vienna-Oakton's provisional class includes 31 rising ninth-grade boys in five middle schools in Northern Virginia. YMSLVO provides mothers and their sons the opportunity to volunteer in the community, improve leadership skills and develop new life skills.

In November, YMSLVO will join other YMSL chapters across the country in executing their first Ultimate Gift Project. Associated groups include Alternative House, Cameron's Chocolates, Community of Faith, Down's Syndrome Association, Food for Others, Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, Honor Flight, Special Olympics, The Lamb Center, and Women Giving Back.

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other residents stated nothing had been taken. These cases are being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 600 Block Manor Drive, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. MPO Nelson was approached by a resident who informed him his unlocked vehicle had been entered and the contents had been rummaged through. Initially the resident stated nothing had been taken. He then realized the black duffle bag found by MPO Nelson (see case number 15- 010066 below) belonged to him.

Burglary/Vehicle Tampering, 400 Block Creek Crossing Drive, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 6:45 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 6 a.m. A resident reported someone entered her unlocked vehicle, which was parked in her driveway. She stated whoever entered the vehicle used the garage door opener to gain entry into the garage and entered an unlocked vehicle parked there as well. Although nothing was taken from either vehicle, several Corona Beers had been taken from the garage refrigerator. This case is being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 6:45

A resident reported someone entered her two vehicles that were parked in her carport. She stated the contents of both vehicles had been strewn about; however, nothing appeared to have been taken. This case is being investigated.

Grand Larceny, 400 Block Nelson Drive, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 6:15 a.m. A resident reported someone entered her unlocked vehicle and had taken her purse. The purse contained miscellaneous credit cards and an undisclosed amount of money. This case is being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 100 Block St. Andrews Drive, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 7:15 a.m. A resident reported someone entered her vehicle and its contents had been rifled through. She stated nothing had been taken but was unsure if the vehicle had been locked. No signs of forced entry to Drive, NE, Oct. 16, 8:21 a.m. MPO the vehicle were found. This case is being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 400 Block Creek Crossing Road, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 16 returned it to them. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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Vehicle Tampering, 400 Block Cynthia Lane, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 8:45 p.m. and Oct. 16, 6:20 a.m. A resident reported someone entered her and her husband's unlocked vehicles. She stated an undetermined amount of money had been taken. This case is being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 600 Block Beulah Road, NE, Between Oct. 15 at 9 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 8:30 a.m. A resident reported someone entered his and his wife's unlocked vehicles. He stated nothing appeared to have been taken. This case is being investigated.

Vehicle Tampering, 900, 1000 Block Country Club Drive, NE, Oct. 15 at 10:30 p.m. and Oct. 16 7:45 a.m. Residents in the 900 and 1000 blocks of Country Club Drive, NE reported someone entered ten unlocked vehicles. In two of the vehicles a wallet and an undetermined amount of cash had been taken.

In the other vehicles, although the contents were strewn about nothing appeared to have been taken. These cases are being investigated.

Petit Larceny, 300 Block Broadleaf Drive, NE, Oct. 16 between 2 a.m. and 8:22 p.m. A resident reported someone entered her daughter's unlocked vehicle. She stated the contents of the vehicle had been rummaged through and an MP3 player had been taken. This case is being investigated. Note to Citizens: Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.

Found Property, 300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE, Oct. 16, 7:15 a.m. Officer Post was in the area investigating one of the several vehicle tampering cases that occurred during the overnight hours when the resident found a jacket in her front yard. She stated the jacket did not belong to her. The jacket will be held at the Vienna Police Station in the event the owner can be identified. Found Property, 1000 Block Country Club Nelson responded to the area after an unknown citizen reported finding a black duffle bag in the yard. MPO Nelson was able to determine the owner of the bag and

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Letters to the Editor

Ask State Legislators to Fix Washington

To the Editor:

On Nov. 3, Virginians will elect state legislators. In our system of "checks and balances" it is state legislators who hold the final "check" on federal power. They wield the states' sovereign authority to change the one thing that makes us one nation — the U.S. Constitution.

Federal officials cannot manipulate, prevent or ignore state legislators if they act collectively to amend the Constitution.

Article V sets out the Constitution's two-step amendment process: amendments are first proposed and debated, then must be ratified by at least threefourths of the States. Amendments P

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are proposed in two ways. All adopted amendments thus far were proposed by Congress, which requires a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate. But the Framers knew that if only Congress could propose amendments, the People would be trapped if curbing the federal government was needed. Those abusing power do not, the Framers reasoned, reform themselves.

So they included in Article V provision for a "convention of the states for proposing amendments." This is convened once two-thirds of state legislatures (34 states) invoke it via formal resolution.

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the race for the 34th District in the

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(www.conventionofstates.com) was launched to educate voters and empower state legislators to employ this little-known feature of Article V. Under our COS resolution — now passed in four states - only amendments that impose fiscal restraints, limit federal power and jurisdiction, and establish term limits for federal officials may be considered.

Politics-as-usual in Washington threatens our economic wellbeing and independence. Our national debt has doubled twice since 2001, under both parties, and will cause a Greece-like financial collapse if not stopped.

The states must step-up as the Framers empowered them to do!

To make matters worse, I re-

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Mr. Parisot knows this yet he con-

To the Editor:

Since 2013 thousands of Virginia volunteers have joined hundreds of thousands nation-wide in seeking an Article V Convention through their state legislators. Before you vote Nov. 3, ask your candidate(s) if they support a COS resolution. Join us in demanding the General Assembly pass a COS resolution in 2016!

We must stop our runaway federal government before — like Greece — our national fate is sealed.

Warren Wheeler

Virginia Coalitions Director Convention of States Project coalitions.va@selfgovern.com Springfield

tinues to make false statements. Someone who makes such false statements should not be entrusted by voters to represent us in Richmond. I will vote for Delegate Kathleen Murphy.

> **Nancy Hopkins** Vienna

Spreading False Information

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Murphy Opposes Tolls on I-66

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It is unfortunate that Graig Parisot, a newcomer to Fairfax County politics is reaching out to new lows of credibility in making false statements about Delegate Kathleen Murphy's position on I-66 tolls.

The toll proposals have become a hot issue since some state offiusing tolls on I-66 inside the beltway as a way to finance adding new lanes. Delegate Murphy, the incumbent in the 34th District in the House has opposed such

tolls.

She has stated her position on tolls at the McLean Community Center debate on Oct. 18. Nevertheless, Parisot has launched robocalls falsely implying that Murphy is supporting such tolls.

This is a total falsehood. Parisot should stop such unethical behavior. Perhaps he is doing this to discials mentioned the possibility of tract voters from his record which is an extreme Tea Party agenda.

J. Jay Volkert, PhD

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Murphy Opposes Tolls on I-66

Delegate Kathleen Murphy opposes tolls on I-66. She made an unequivocal statement at the McLean Community Center debate on Oct. 18 that she is opposed to tolls on I-66—and has always been opposed to such tolls. However, in the race for the 34th District in the House of Delegates, Challenger Craig Parisot claims that Murphy stated otherwise. Parisot is either verv confused or decided to misrepresent his opponent's position. Parisot's fabrication is typical of a trailing and tired candidate.

To make matters worse, I received a robo-call on Oct. 20 from Parisot that hyped his false toll claim using deceptive language to rouse the emotions of voters. Quite frankly, I know of no one who supports \$7 tolls or any tolls on I-66. Mr. Parisot knows this yet he continues to make false statements. Someone who makes such false statements should not be entrusted by voters to represent us in Richmond. I will vote for Delegate Kathleen Murphy.

Nancy Hopkins Vienna



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School Notes

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Brendan Mullen, Langley HS grad class of 2011, son of Mike and Debbie Mullen of Great Falls, graduated Magna Cum Laude, with Distinction from the Pennoni Honors College, Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa. Brendan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and will be attending Drexel College of Medicine in the fall.

While at Langley, Brendan played goalie for the Langley Saxons Ice Hockey team and at Drexel, played on two inline teams, one of which won the Philadelphia College Roller Hockey League championship this spring.

George Mahaney-Walter, son of Mary Claire Mahaney and Herbert Walter of McLean, was awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration in recent commencement exercises at the Simon School of Business of the University of Rochester.

Northern Virginia Community College is preparing to welcome 17 incoming Honors Program Scholars for the start of the 2015-2016 academic year, which begins Aug. 24. The scholarship provides \$10,000 to be divided into fall and spring semesters for two years, at \$2,500 per semester

It will assist students with the cost of tuition toward a NOVA degree. Natalia Chavez Choque and Benjamin Atherton, of McLean High School, received this scholarship

Victor Zheng, 21, of McLean, is among five University of Virginia scholars who have received Critical Language Scholarships to assist them in pursuing their love of language.

They will spend seven to 10 weeks in intensive language institutes this summer in one of 13 countries to study languages the U.S. government has deemed "critical." Zheng will study Chinese in Dalian, China.

He is a third-year history and Chinese major who

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is learning Mandarin Chinese.

"I applied out of a desire to have another opportunity to go back to China and be immersed in its environment," he said. "I also just inherently love being abroad where I believe I learn the best and the most." Zheng, who is a member of U.Va.'s Virginia Glee Club, plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations.

Graham P. Lobel, the son of Doug and Betsy Lobel of McLean, received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude, from Haverford College, in Haverford, Pa., at the school's 177th Commencement on Sunday, May 17.

Lobel graduated with High Honors in Chemistry. At Commencement, Lobel also received The George Peirce Prize in Chemistry, for excellence in undergraduate research. Lobel graduated from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in 2011.

Gabrielle Greco, of Vienna, daughter of Drs. Stephen and Judith Greco, was named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the Spring Semester.

Dylan Maxwell Phillips, of Great Falls, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2015 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.90 or above. Phillips is a senior whose major is Computer Info Systems - BBA.

Chun-Ming "Chris" Chen of Vienna and Maria Vera Alvarez of South Riding have been awarded Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships. Both students attend Northern Virginia Community College. Chen and Vera Alvarez are among 90 students nationally to receive the prestigious award which provides up to \$40,000 a year toward tuition, books, living expenses and required fees for the final two to three years needed to earn a bachelor's degree. It is the largest private scholarship for twoyear and community college transfer students in the country

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School Board Promotes Dyslexia Awareness

And adopts two-hour delay for March Primary.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

ine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts stood confidently on a stepstool to address the Fairfax County School Board Oct. 22. "My old school didn't know I was dyslexic," he said. "I was very sad and felt like I wasn't keeping up with everybody."

Gebharts was one of several individuals to speak at the board's Thursday night business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virtional grassroots organization advocating for better teacher training and resources for dyslexic students, as well as connecting parents with existing resources.

"I hope you can make it so kids like me don't have to leave their friends, don't have to struggle," Gebharts said. Board members and dozens of Decoding Dyslexia members and supporters applauded him when he finished speaking.

High school senior Calvin Rizek lexia properly," he said. Rizek's mother got him a tutor in elementary school after he was "not taught the correct way to learn to read" in Fairfax County.

"I've been in the school system 15 years," Rizek said, "and I've been dyslexic the whole time, and not seen any change. Please act fast so you don't fail anyone else."

The speakers came to the meeting to coincide with the board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Board members typically don't opment for teachers could be more focused in the area of dyslexia, and that the school system's Strategic Plan calls for "getting tighter on early literacy."

Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza has taken action including requiring elementary school administrators and instructional staff be trained to recognize dyslexia symptoms and warning signs

"I'm extremely excited to see the progress that we have going on not Braddock District representative learn to read.



ginia, the local chapter of a na- Members of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia came out in support of the Fairfax County School Board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month at the Oct. 22 meeting.



spoke next, explaining that he's Kate Hanley of the Fairfax County Electoral Board Office of currently taking all his remaining **Elections. formerly chairman of the Board of Supervisors** classes at Northern Virginia Com- and School Board representative from the Providence munity College. "The way you have District, spoke to the significance of the later school start failed me is not approaching dys- times for the Presidential primary on March 1, 2016.



respond to citizen participation, Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts (left) was one of several though chairman Pat Hynes has individuals to speak at the School Board's Oct. 22 busiacknowledged professional devel- ness meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia



only in Fairfax County but in the Calvin Rizek started working with an outside tutor in Commonwealth of Virginia," elementary school to help him overcome dyslexia and

Megan McLaughlin before she read the proclamation.

She described Decoding Dyslexia as being led by "by extraordinary women who have really helped to shape not only better practices here in Fairfax County, but within the Commonwealth of Virginia. To all of you, thank you so much for what you're doing to improve the lives of our children."

A workshop hosted by the Office of Special Education Instruction for parents of elementary school students with dyslexia is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS **LOOMING**, the board voted unanimously to have schools start two hours late on March 1, 2016, to accommodate the presidential primary voting

Kate Hanley of the of Fairfax County Electoral Board Office of Elections, formerly chairman of the Board of Supervisors and School Board representative from the Providence District, spoke to the significance of the later school start times.

Hanley reminded the board "Super Tuesday" is a dual primary, with both parties fielding candidates for voting on the same day, at the same locations. "The whole thing is coming to town," she said.

According to Fairfax County, 165 of the 196 schools and centers in the system are used as polling places.

"Voters must have free access to polls," Hanley said, adding that starting later "will mitigate many of our problems," such as parking congestion during pickup and dropoff times that coincide with heavy voting waves.



Members of the Flint Hill Cemetery Association (from left): Anne Stuntz, secretary/treasurer; David Farmer, president; JoAnn Katis, member; Chris Slingerman, member; and Jim Lewis, officer who led the tour.

Candlelight Cemetery Tour in Oakton Photos by Steve Hibbard/The Connection

100 people attend tour of Flint Hill and Oakton Church of the Brethren Cemeteries.

Hill and Oakton Church of the Brethren cem- discussed his life. eteries, presented by local historian and author Jim Lewis, on Saturday, Oct. 24, near on an old Civil War fort. "It's incredibly the corner of Courthouse and Chain Bridge unique," said Lewis. "You've got two cemeter-Roads in Oakton.

The five-acre Flint Hill Cemetery is the rest- top of a Confederate fort." The fort faced ing place of 27 Civil War veterans, including Vienna, and its front wall is still intact befour who served in Confederate Col. John S. hind the church and parking lot. Mosby's Partisan Rangers. With a total of Lewis said they held a successful Civil War 2,400 buried there, it is one of the oldest com- historic trails marker/illuminaria event three munity cemeteries in Fairfax County, and one years ago that was "incredible," and they Jim Lewis next to the gravesite of of the largest nonprofit association-run cem- wanted to recreate it. "It was a marker dedieteries organized by volunteers. The first cation event with well over 100 people and documented burial occurred there in 1852, the absolute best. It had Mosby's living hiswhen present-day Oakton was called Flint tory in the cemetery and it blew everybody

David Farmer, president of the Flint Hill enjoyed the program. So we wanted to do Cemetery Association, said the event served as a fundraiser to build a new 300-niche columbarium, which will cost \$300,000 and will hold cremated ashes. Each 12x12x12 niche will hold two standard-size urns.

"This is a unique cemetery for me person- War... It's amazing how we've kept our hisally because I have 200 relatives buried here," tory alive." said Farmer, including his second great-grand-



Jim Lewis next to the gravesite of Leon Freeman (1872-1941) buried at the Flint Hill Cemetery, during the Candlelight Cemetery Tour on Saturday night.



Dressed in historic costumes from the 1800s are Drew Pallo, Debbie Page-Maples, Mark Whitenton, and John

arrying lanterns and flashlights, father, Thomas Hartwell Walker, who is burabout 100 people attended a ied there. During the tour, Lewis pointed out Candlelight Cemetery Tour of Flint Farmer's great-grandfather's tombstone and

Vrana.

The Church of the Brethren is actually built ies and the Church of the Brethren sitting on

away; it was so emotional and people really something similar."

Attending the vigil was state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) who represents the area and who called the event "just wonderful. This cemetery has history dating back to the Civil

Also attending were Pete Kirby, who grew

Jim Lewis gives a Candlelight Cemetery Tour at Flint Hill Cemetery, where 27 Civil War soldiers are buried in Oakton.

Abraham Staats (1842-1926), buried at Flint Hill Cemetery, during the **Candlelight Cemetery Tour on Satur**day night.

up in Oakton, and his wife Lauren, now living in Centreville. "My great-grandparents are buried here," he said. "We're members of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable and we heard about the event through that group."

"We know the richness of what's in that cemetery," said wife Lauren

-Steve Hibbard





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ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Delegate in 34th District

Kathleen Murphy (D-34)*

Incumbent

Town of residence: McLean Family: My husband Bill Sudow and I are parents to six children

Education: BA Graduated Magna Cum Laude from American University Offices held, dates: Delegate, 34th

District (January 2015 - Present) Occupation and relevant

experience: I am currently President of Johnson Murphy & Associates where I build legislative strategies for companies and nonprofits. I served as Associate Staff on Appropriations for Congressman Charlie Wilson and handled Defense and Foreign Affairs, served as Congressional Liaison for United States Agency for International Development, and was appointed Senior Advisor at the International Trade Administration in the US Department of Commerce.

Community involvement: I am a member of the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Community Foundation, and serve on the fundraising board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I served on the Human Services Council for Fairfax County and on the Fairfax County Health Care Task Force. I am the Democratic Party Precinct Co-Captain for Langley precinct.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Chamber's NOVABizPAC, Virginia Education Association, Northern Virginia Association of Realtors

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I care about our community and felt that our priorities and values needed strong representation. I am committed to fighting for the issues important to our community including for more funding for our schools. I will be introducing a bill to reform the Local Composite Index in the next session of the House of Delegates.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have the experience, commitment and the ability to work in a bipartisan way to achieve consensus. I have lived here and raised kids here. I know the issues, the values, and the priorities of this community. I have worked for them for nearly 25 years. I know the legislative process and will work hard to achieve positive and productive change for our community.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan



differences there? I have successfully worked across party lines and my legislative record demonstrates that. This past session I cosponsored, and voted for, important legislation introduced by Republicans and Democrats and didn't let partisanship get in the way of doing what was right for our district.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative

priorities. 1. Reforming the funding formulas for our

schools 2. Fighting for Northern Virginia's fair share of

transportation funding 3. Ensuring we are business friendly and help

small business have access to capital 4. Protecting our children and families from

gun violence 5. Promoting renewable energy and other

innovative technologies

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The population of Northern Virginia has increased significantly over the last 10 years. New residents are drawn, to our district specifically, by our quality of life and excellent school system. The extension of the Silver Line and the growth of the Tysons Corner business community are also contributing factors. Simply, the 34th is a great place to live and we need to work to ensure we provide the quality services are growing community deserves.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. With more than 460 car-title loan operations in Virginia and interest rates reaching as high as 300%, this abusive high-interest lending must be addressed.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I am very supportive of measures that protect and support our most vulnerable children who are aging out of foster care. Virginia has already made great strides in educational stability for children in foster care but there is more work to be done.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I support Medicaid expansion because it is morally right and fiscally responsible. I will vote for expansion and I will continue to advocate for it in Richmond and in the 34th district.

Craig A. Parisot (R)

Challenger, House of Delegates District 34 Town of residence: McLean

Age: 41 Family: Wife Kristin, Son Jackson Education: Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina, MBA from California State Polytechnic University and postgraduate work at Harvard's

Kennedy School of Government Occupation and relevant experience: Mr.

Parisot is the President and Chief Executive Officer of his third start up. He previously held executive leadership roles in two technology start ups, successfully growing and selling both, and was a founder and the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Altamira Technologies Corporation

Community involvement: Mr. Parisot served in the United States Air Force in a combination of active duty and reserve roles from 1996 to 2005 working on science and technology programs, eventually separating at the rank of Captain. Craig is a current board member of Volunteer Fairfax and its most recent past President. Volunteer Fairfax focuses on developing leaders and promoting volunteerism in the region, and mobilizes Fairfax County's volunteer resources in the face of a natural disaster or other crisis. Craig is also on the Board of Directors of the World Police and Fire Games, which created an \$83 million positive economic impact for the region. He also sits on the boards of other forprofit and not-for-profit organizations.

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Name three favorite endorsements: National Federation of Independent Business, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce NOVA BizPac, and Police Benevolent Association

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Service before self is a deeply held value of great importance to me and as a third generation veteran, service has a long tradition in my family. I believe in the idea of the citizen legislator. That if we, as ordinary citizens, have something to offer our state or country in a time of need that it is our civic responsibility to offer ourselves in service to our neighbors. I think deeply about the challenges we face and, working together, will figure out ways to make meaningful progress to make our community stronger and safer.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

This race for Delegate is one of stark contrast. I'm a Business Leader, having built two advanced technology companies, I deployed lifesaving technologies for our soldiers and first responders, promoted women into key executive leadership roles, and have provided salaries and health benefits for hundreds of families. I have first-hand experience in the technologies central to the Northern Virginia innovation economy, and essential to our future.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully



bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I have always been one to run towards hard problems, both as an Air Force Officer and as a business executive. I have always been goal oriented. In business, you can't just walk away from the table. You must find solutions. We need a Delegate in Richmond with the experience and capacity to act. As a member of the majority, I have the ability to get things done - not as a partisan, but on the merits of the proposed solutions to our most urgent problems.

The Virginia way has always been one where elected officials and leaders across the state work together to get things done. This will be one of many things you will gain by sending me to Richmond.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Invest in Public Education; Reduce commute times; Fight tolls on I-66 inside the beltway; Improve Virginia's business climate; Pursue growth opportunities in the high technology sector

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Our area is a very attractive place for people to live. Although, due to our proximity to the federal government, sequestration has had a devastating impact to our economy. Our cost of living continues to rise while traffic worsens. We must grow and diversify our economy, make the necessary investments in public education and solve the region's transportation problems. These are economic and quality of life issues. I am concerned about great people leaving our region because we have failed to address these issues in a meaningful way.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Virginia has made some progress in this area, but the question is have we done enough. I believe in finding the right balance between free market principles and providing accessibility to financing alternatives

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I fully support ensuring that foster children are not forgotten about when they become young adults. We need to make sure those that truly need our help receive it. While I would not be opposed to federal funding, we must find ways to reduce our dependence on Washington.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

We should focus on providing for people's healthcare needs exploring the array of alternatives available. The only responsible conversation about a solution incorporates the long term impact to the Virginia taxpayer and reducing our reliance on the federal government. Medicaid currently represents 21% of Virginia's budget and is our fastest growing line item. Simply expanding a broken system is not a long term solution. I have concerns about both the quality and cost of care and we must tackle the matter of reimbursement rates and fraud, waste and abuse. Virginia makes a significant investment annually in the healthcare safety net to ensure everyone receives the help they need and we should continue taking this approach while pursuing necessary reforms.

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ELECTION '15 House District 36

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D-36)

Incumbent, unopposed **Town of residence:** Reston, VA Age: 73

Family: Wife Jane, 4 children, 6 grandchildren

Education: B.A. Old Dominion University; M. Ed. University of Virginia Offices held, dates: Delegate 1978-80,

1982-present Occupation and relevant experience: Retired. 30 years with Fairfax County Public

Schools, Director of Adult and Community Education Community involvement: Chairman, Dulles

Corridor Rail Association; Trustee, United Christian Parish

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Name three favorite endorsements: Northern

Virginia Technology Council, NoVABiz PAC, Virginia Education Association, Equality Virginia

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I believe education is one of the most important functions of government. Currently we are underfunding our schools K-12 and higher education. I will work with the Governor and members of the General Assembly to restore funding to education including a greater investment in preschool education.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I currently do not have an opponent. I work very hard as a full-time legislator serving my constituents throughout the year.

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transportation in 2013. 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legis-

3. Given the political

I have been a part of every

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lative priorities. Increase funding for education; Make the Earned Income Tax Credit partially refundable; Expand Medicaid to close the coverage gap; Enact commonsense gun safety measures including universal background checks; Raise the minimum wage

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes? Reston and western Fairfax have seen tremen-

dous growth fueled in part by the Silver Line. The population has gotten younger even as the number of senior citizens is high. Population is more diverse 6. Will you support legislation restrict-

ing high interest lending including car title loans? Yes

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen? Yes. Whatever compromise that is necessary to make it happen

House District 34

Marcus B. Simon (D-53)

Incumbent, Unopposed Town of residence: Falls Church Family: Rachel - Spouse, Emily -

Daughter, Zach - Son Education: Juris Doctorate, American University; B.A. Middle East Studies

and Journalism, NYU Offices held, dates: Delegate (Va-53)

2014 - Present Occupation and relevant experience: Real Estate Attorney, Ekko Title Co-Founder

Community involvement: Fairfax County Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission. McLean Planning Committee.

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Twitter handle: @MarcusSimon Name three favorite endorsements: 1)

Virginia Association of Realtors, 2) Equality Virginia, 3) My "F" Grade from the NRA

OUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Repairing the world. We live in a great commonwealth, in a great country at an incredibly exciting time in history — and we can do even better. We should continue to strive to improve our society, creating opportunities for everyone to succeed, and making sure the most vulnerable among us aren't neglected or left behind.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I believe I stand out from other candidates because of my ability to bring my vision for a more inclusive, prosperous, healthier Virginia about. As a successful small business owner, attorney, former Army prosecutor, and an experienced legislative staffer I bring a unique set of skills, experiences and qualifications that ensure I will be a successful Delegate.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own



experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As the member of the House Democratic Caucus with less seniority than all but two members of the entire House, I successfully collaborated with the very conservative Chairman of the Criminal Law Subcommittee to pass Virginia's Revenge Pornography statute at a time

when only 3 other states has made revenge pornography a crime.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities. * Student Loan Debt relief * Mental Health Reform ***** Expanding Fair Housing protections to the LGBT community * Medicaid Expansion � Gun Violence Prevention

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Over the past decade the 53rd house district of Virginia, comprising of Falls Church and Merrifield has grown a lot. We have seen a great influx in population to the region as a whole as well as several infrastructure and redevelopment projects. The demand for housing and private sector growth which is not reliant on federal spending has shifted what once was a purely commuter district to one of mixed business and community opportunities.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. I am particularly interested in ending the bait & switch practices of moving borrowers into unregulated "consumer finance loans" rather than better regulated car title loans.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen? Yes. I will not vote for a budget bill that does not include Medicaid Expansion.

Conservation Begins at Home

Three spots open to four running for key environmental and conservation board.

By Ken Moore The Connection

hree of four candidates will be elected as directors to the Soil and District on Nov. 3.

Three of the four candidates, Scott Cameron and incumbents George Lamb IV and Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters Jr., debated at the Great Falls Grange on Monday, Oct. 19.

The Great Falls Citizens Association hosted and ran the candidate's forum at the recently renovated Grange, which is now ADA accessible.

"Real conservation, the important work in conservation happens on the ground, happens locally,"

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said Cameron.

Peters, of Great Falls, is an incumbent on the Soil and Conservation District Board. "I want to increase the sense of personal stewardship that people who own Water Conservation the land have for the land," he said.

> Lamb has been the chairman the last four years. He thanked GFCA for hosting the forum and giving candidates in his race, usually overshadowed by races for supervisor, House of Delegates, state senator and the sheriff, among others, an opportunity to inform citizens of the board's work. Education efforts are top priority of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, he said.

Stephen L. Pushor, who is also on the ballot, did not attend.



Peters, Great Falls

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about fertilizers, deer manage-

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urban and rural districts in Vir-

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District was founded in 1945 by citizens concerned about conserving natural resources. They were established to develop programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose of water. The group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to residents on many aspects of water quality, nonpoint source pollution and stream health. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/

The three were asked questions ginia.

FOUNDED IN 1945 by citizens concerned about conserving natural resources, the Northern Vir-

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George Lamb IV

ginia Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 47 conservation districts in Virginia and approximately 3,000 nationwide. "Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were established in the 1930s to develop comprehensive programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose

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ELECTION '15 Senate District 32

Janet Howell (D-32)

Incumbent, unopposed Town of residence: Reston **Age:** 71

Family: married to Hunt Howell since 1966, two grown sons, 3 grandchildren Education: BA in Government, Oberlin

College; MA in International Relations The University of Pennsylvania

Offices held, dates: Virginia Senate, 1992 to present

Occupation and relevant experience: Former teacher, former legislative assistant, current state senator

Community involvement: Prior to election to Senate, I was a PTA president (Forest Edge Elementary), chair of the State Board of Social Services, president of the Reston Community Association, chair of the Reston Transportation Committee, and various other positions.

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Email address: SenHowell@gmail.com Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Fairfax Chamber of

Commerce, Sierra Club

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

During my tenure in office I have spearheaded several multi-year efforts to reform our laws. I was chief patron of the major family violence legislation, the mental health law reform efforts, and sexual abuse law revisions and the sexual predator registry. Currently, I am working to provide more services for those with mental illness and to divert them from our jails and prisons. Our current practices are cruel and costly.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Unopposed.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As the Senate has shifted control back and forth, I have consistently been selected by both parties as a budget conferee and negotiator on the most controversial bills (transportation, ethics, retirement plan reform. etc.).



4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

 Make certain taxpayer money is invested wisely * Increase funding for education at all levels, from pre-K through higher education. ✤ Pass legislation to ex-

pand Medicaid or 400,000 uninsured Virginians ✤ Increase and improve programs for persons

with mental illness Pass commonsense gun safety legislation such

a background checks

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes? Redistricting took away 40% of residents in my previous district and added 40% in new areas. Now the district includes part of Arlington and parts of Oakton and Centreville. The district is more diverse ethnically and has greater disparities in income.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Absolutely. I have consistently voted to put a cap of no more than 36% on interest on loans. The current laws bring undesirable businesses into our state that prey on vulnerable residents

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I have been an advocate for this program and fought for it in budget conference. When the state takes children away from their parents, we have a heightened responsibility to those children. All parents recognize that children need support beyond age 18.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I have been a fervent supporter of Medicaid expansion and have worked across party lines in the Senate to find a solution agreeable to the House majority. So far, they have been unyielding in their opposition despite the moral, economic, and health arguments in favor of expansion. I helped craft the Marketplace Virginia proposal and am currently working on further refinements of it. The sad truth is that the opposition is unwilling to compromise or to produce their own proposal.

Senate District 34

J.C. "Chap" Petersen (D-34)

Incumbent, unopposed Town of residence: Fairfax City

Age: 47 Family: Married to Sharon Kim Petersen. Four children: Eva Emmeline (17), Mary Walton

(13), Thomas Henry (10) and Ida Grace (4). Education: B.A., Williams College. J.D., University of Virginia. Offices held, dates: Fairfax City Council

(1998-2002), Virginia House of Delegates (2002-2006), Virginia Senate (2008-present).

Occupation and relevant experience: Practicing attorney since 1994. Owned local law firm since 2005.

Community involvement: Served in elected office since 1998. Also active as Sunday school teacher at Truro Anglican Church.

Website: www.fairfaxsenator.com

Email address: chap@fairfaxsenator.com Twitter handle: @chappetersen

Name three favorite endorsements: Any three voters in Fairfax.

OUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

In 2015, I sponsored the "Good Samaritan" immunity legislation, SB 892, which provides legal protection to young people who report an overdose or alcohol poisoning. It passed the Assembly and is now law. It will save lives. It also teaches our young citizens in Virginia that no matter the circumstances — always do the right thing

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Unfortunately, I have no opponent.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

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I worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to pass major legislation, SB 985 in 2015, which set a standard on protecting personal liberty and curtailing government surveillance. (Sadly, it was vetoed by the Governor). I enjoy meeting people with different viewpoints and have no problem working with

them.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Promoting economic growth in Virginia, modernizing our tax system, advocating for commuters, keeping college affordable and protecting our natural spaces.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes? Geographically, the 34th district was shifted west in 2011 and now includes 50,000 residents in Chantilly and Centreville.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Need to know more details. I'm not familiar with this program.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I have voted for Medicaid expansion multiple times, most recently through the "Marketplace Virginia" project which used private insurers to certify eligible recipients and receive the Federal funds. It makes no sense to not use the Federal funds earmarked for Virginia's working poor.

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Soil and Water Board Members Also on the Ballot

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of water," according to its website.

Although not a regulatory agency, the group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to Laboratory in 1972. residents on many aspects of water quality, health.

through the Watershed Calendar, Green program. Breakfast and Conservation Currents news updates.

ginia Soil and Water Conservation Board

in March 2015 to be a director; he has been an associate director since 2009 and has represented NVSWCD on the Fairfax County Tree Commission since 2012.

Peters is retired after a 30-year career as an environmental scientist and engineer, including being the first full-time employee of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring

In retirement, he has focused on natural nonpoint source pollution and stream resource stewardship, he said. Peters is a Certified Master Naturalist and member of They help connect residents with envi- the Basic Training Committee of the Fairfax ronmental initiatives and opportunities Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist

"I am also a Tree Commissioner," he said.

LAMB HAS SERVED on the board since PETERS WAS APPOINTED by the Vir- January 2009 and is currently the vice chairman and treasurer.

Lamb, of Falls Church, serves as an atlarge appointee on the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) and is the lead author on the Interrelationship between Land Use and Transportation chapter of the EQAC annual report.

Lamb was a co-founder of the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, and represented the environmental community on the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force. He board of advisors to the Wildlife Alliserves as the chairman of the IT Committee for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

CAMERON, A BIOLOGIST who also has a M.B.A., has worked 36 years in environmental policy, including 20 years of federal

service in natural resources programs at the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Congress, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Cameron, of Mount Vernon, founded his own organization, Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition. He is an environmental policy advisor to the governor of California, director of Conservation Policy for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and serves on the ance.

"We have 30 watersheds in Fairfax County, about a third are in good shape, a third are in really bad shape," he said, with the others in between.

"I've always wanted to get involved where it counts, locally," he said.

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Sports

Young Helps Wakefield Fend Off Improving Marshall

Statesmen fall to 4-4 overall, 3-1 in Conference 13.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

s members of the Wakefield and Marshall football teams passed one another in the postgame handshake line, Wakefield senior running back Leon Young offered words of encouragement to the opposing Statesmen. "They fight hard every single play," Young

said. "That's what I told all of the guys during the handshake: 'It's going to get rough. Just keep your heads up and keep on pushing and things will turn around for you."

On Friday night in Arlington, Wakefieldversus-Marshall was a matchup of a perennial loser-turned-playoff team and a longtime doormat on the rise. While Marshall might one day reach Wakefield's level of improvement, there were still elements separating the two teams.

Mainly, Young plays for the Warriors.

Young amassed 279 yards of offense and scored four touchdowns, leading Wakefield to a 33-19 victory over Marshall on Oct. 23 at Wakefield High School. The Warriors extended their win streak to six games and took over sole possession of first place in Conference 13 after each team entered Friday's contest with a 3-0 conference record.

"We knew that [Marshall] was a good team," Wakefield head coach Wayne Hogwood said. "We've seen them develop. I've watched [head coach] George [Masten] turn this program around slowly each year."

In 2014, just his second season as Wakefield head coach, Hogwood led a program with 30 consecutive non-winning seasons to its best record since 1972. The Warriors finished 8-4 and earned the first play-

off victory in program history. This season, the Warriors dropped their first two games but entered Friday having won five straight.

IN THE FIVE SEASONS before Masten took over as Marshall head coach in 2014, the Statesmen compiled a record of 4-46, including back-toback winless seasons in 2012 and 2013. Marshall finished 2-8 in Masten's first year, but is much improved this season, entering Friday's game with a 4-3 record. Marshall has not had a winning season since 2007.

Masten has helped point Marshall in the right direction, but the Statesmen played Friday's second half without their head coach, who was ejected with 4:01 remaining in the second quarter after arguing with an official.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to protect my guys," Masten said. "I love my guys. These kids are special to me and if I can blatantly see that somebody's going after one of my players and it's not going to get called, then I'm going to go after that offiwww.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Marshall running back Jelani Murray produced the Statesmen's lone offensive touchdown against Wakefield on Friday, scoring on a 40-yard run.



Marshall quarterback Markel Harrison is wrapped up by the Wakefield defense on Oct. 23.

cial and I'm going to let them know that that's not acceptable, 100 percent. I don't care what happens. If they're going to go after [my player] and [the officials are] not going to do anything about it, I'm going to let them know about it."

good and they've got a couple kids that our kids know. The ... quarterback (Markel Harrison) is a great athlete. The fullback (Joshua Hurlburt) ... is one of the toughest kids we've ever played against. We didn't sleep on them at all. We knew this was go-

"We knew. We talked about it last year. We saw this program that Marshall has developing last year. They do things the right way, their lower levels are good and they've got a couple kids that our kids know. The ... quarterback (Markel Harrison) is a great athlete. The fullback (Joshua Hurlburt) ... is one of the toughest kids we've ever played against. We didn't sleep on them at all. We knew this was going to be one of the toughest games of the year and I think that helped us and we practiced that way this week." - Wakefield football coach Wayne Hogwood

While Marshall has struggled in recent seasons, Hogwood said the Warriors did not take the Statesmen lightly.

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ing to be one of the toughest games of the year and I think that helped us and we practiced that way this week."

Marshall junior Elijah Weske returned the second-half kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown, giving the Statesmen a 16-13 lead early in the third quarter. Wakefield didn't panic, however, regaining the lead on its following possession. The Warriors used 7 minutes, 2 seconds to march 90 yards in 11 plays, taking a 20-16 lead on a 5-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Colton Poythress to Young.

A roughing the punter penalty against Marshall kept the drive alive.

Wakefield extended the lead to 26-16 on its next drive, when Poythress connected with Young for a 63-yard touchdown with10:32 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Young carried 30 times for 187 yards and two touchdowns, and caught five passes for 92 yards and two scores.

"He can do everything," Hogwood said. "He can catch, he can throw — although we don't want him to - he can run and he wants the ball. In a game situation like this, he'll come over, all I've got to do is ask him which way he wants to go."

It was the second straight week Young scored four touchdowns in a game. He ran for 208 yards and four scores during a 49-0 win against Stuart on Oct. 16.

"He's doing what I've been expecting him to do, to be honest with you," Hogwood said. "He's been my guy since he was a sophomore. I came in, he came up from the freshman [team], that offensive line came up, we played all of those guys as sophomores and they took their lumps and they didn't quit on us. They kept learning, they kept listening, they kept taking the criticism we were giving them and they've gotten better every year and every game and this is where we expected them to be."

Young and Hogwood each praised the Wakefield offensive line.

Poythress, who took over as Wakefield's starting quarterback after the team lost its first two games, also had a big night for the Warriors, completing 8 of 10 passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns. His 24-yard touchdown pass to Chris Robertson gave Wakefield a 33-16 lead with 7:12 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"We still are looking for him to mature a little bit more and get a little bit more confident in himself," Hogwood said about sophomore Poythress, "but he's done ... the most important thing, I think, as a quarterback — he doesn't make mistakes."

MARSHALL QUARTERBACK Harrison completed 8 of 15 passes for 93 yards, and was intercepted once. Running back Jelani Murray carried five times for 63 yards and a touchdown, and Hurlburt carried 14 times for 46 yards. Marshall kicker Robert Guenther made field goals of 29 and 36 yards.

"We came to play," Masten said. "I don't think we have the [same amount of] size as people that we play across the board.

I think we play extremely hard up front for the guys we have. I think we played really hard, so I'm very proud of my guys." Wakefield (6-2, 4-0) will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. Marshall (4-4, 3-1) will travel to face Stuart. Vienna/Oakton Connection & October 28 - November 3, 2015 & 15



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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

The 53rd Annual James A. Bland Contest. Through Monday, Feb. 15. Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue, Vienna. Sponsored by the Vienna Host Lions Club, the contest will include school age (elementary and high school) vocalists and instrumentalists who will each present a song or piece of no more than eight minutes and will be judged by local experts in their field. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. Contest will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. Information and an application can be obtained by contacting Lion Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-938-1142. The deadline for applications is Monday, Feb. 15.

ONGOING

Two Simultaneous One Man Shows. Through Saturday, Nov. 14. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. Figurative artists David Cochran's and Joseph Sheppard Rogers' work will be on display.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

69th Annual Vienna Halloween **Parade**. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of 'Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween, Visit

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Martina Boone celebrates the release of her latest book "Persuasion" at Barnes and Noble in **Tysons Corner Center on** Friday, Oct. 30.



Halloween Calendar

Halloween events in the area

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SATURDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Spooktacular in Great Falls. 4 p.m., pet parade. 5-7 p.m. Great Falls Village Green and Great Falls Center. Children (recommended up to age 12) are encouraged to wear a costume, experience the Haunted House and enjoy trick or treating in the heart of the town at both the Village Green and Great Falls Center.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31

Water Pumpkin Patch. Friday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tysons YWCA, 8101 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Come ready to have fun, swim in the pool with the pumpkins and pick one to go. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. karen@neptune-aquatics.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 31-NOV. 1

Reston Zoo's Zooboo. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Zoo, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Designed for a younger audience, Zoo Boo offers four days of scarefree fun. Join the safe zoo neighborhood of Halloween entertainment, with kid-friendly fun around every corner.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 30

- Ellis Paul. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Ellis' songs have been featured on Hollywood soundtracks in films such as: "Me, Myself and Irene," "Shallow Hal" and "Hall Pass," as well as TV shows and documentary films. He has performed on stages at the Newport Folk Festival, Carnegie Hall, and clubs, coffeehouses all over the world. \$20-
- 22. All ages. www.jamminjava.com. 2015 Arts Awards. Noon-2 p.m. Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Jim Vance of NBC 4 will emcee the event honoring four awardees, Earle C. Williams, Rebecca Kamen, Vienna Jammers, Richard Hausler. Great Falls sculptor Jonathan Fisher designed custom awards, commissioned by the Arts Council. For tickets and information, http:// artsfairfax.org/artsawards.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31

- "The Man Who Laughs." 2 p.m. The Alden, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on a Victor Hugo novel, this sad, horrific and swashbuckling film is a great way to start off Halloween celebrations. \$12, \$8. www.aldentheatre.org.
- Halloween Spooktacular in Great **Falls**. 4 p.m., pet parade. 5-7 p.m. Great Falls Village Green and Great Falls Center. Children (recommended up to age 12) are encouraged to wear a costume, experience the Haunted House and enjoy trick or treating in the heart of the town at both the Village Green and Great Falls Center
- Halloween! at the Great Falls **Farmers Market**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. Trick or Treat the vendors. Costume competition. Healthy Snack Contest -8 - 18 year old contestants. Chef's Pumpkin Challenge. Kid's Pumpkin Painting & more. The Higher Ground String Band. 778 Walker Road. Great Falls.

www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for details.

Vienna Train Show. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. Over 50 tables of trains for sale. All kinds: Lionel, American Flyer, HO, train accessories and plastic buildings. And, train repair and parts dealers, Train Doctor, door prizes, free train appraisals. \$5, Free to children under 12, military and Scouts in uniform. http://www.wba-tca-eastern.org/

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- "Eclectic Essentials." 8 p.m. Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna. The Vienna Theatre Company will maintain its presence through the Vienna Community Center renovation starting with an evening of one act plays presented at the Vienna Baptist Church, Tickets available at the door or at vtcshows@yahoo.com. \$15.

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Judy Gold and **Bruce Vilanch**



Provocative, Edgy Humor 'Big and Tall' come to the

By David Siegel The Connection

ate night, cheeky standup comedy, with plenty of sharp pointed takes on contemporary times will be front-and-center at the Alden Theatre. It is "An Evening with Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold. also known as "Big and Tall" for one brash performance only.

When asked about scheduling the mischievous duo of Vilanch and Gold, Sarah N. Schallern, director, performing arts, McLean Community Center said, "I was directly responding to patron requests for more comedy. We survey our audiences regularly, and they always say they want The Alden to bring comedy acts, so we're giving them two for one!"

Gold and Vilanch are known as "Big and Tall" since Gold is well over 6 feet tall, while Vilanch is far from tall, but easily recognized in his own way. The two comedians will perform their later-night, stand-up sets "united by their gay, Jewish identities and raunchy, sidesplitting observations," according to the Alden marketing material.

Gold has appeared on Comedy Central and HBO shows as well as co-hosting "The View." She has received Emmy Awards for her work on The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She is a Drama Desk and GLAAD Award winner for "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother." She also has a weekly podcast called "Kill Me Now."

Emmy Award recipient Vilanch has written for the annual Academy Awards telecasts for decades as well as for the likes of Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin, Bette Midler among others. He has starred as "Edna Turnblatt" in the musical "Hairspray" both on Broadway and the national touring company. He has appeared on the long-running "Hollywood Squares."

Alden Theatre.

In an interview, Gold indicated that she loves "to do stand-up comedy before a live audience. Performing before an audience is my favorite place to be." Her self-deprecating, sassy humor is fresh and includes reactions to audience reactions. Vilanch said he "plans to riff on grown-up, topical humor taking the world as he sees it." He also expects to share stories about life working in Hollywood with its many fascinating personalities. Gold and Vilanch were hilarious, priceless, no holds barred interviews.

Is McLean ready for boldly off-center world of Gold and Vilanch? "Their humor is racy... maybe a bit edgier; but very smart and very witty and universally funny. Audiences can expect to laugh. A lot," noted Schellern. The intermission free show is for adults; starting at 9 p.m. for a reason.

Where and When

"An Evening with Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold," at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Performance on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$20 for McLean Community Center (MCC) tax district residents. Information/Tickets visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123. Note: This show is for mature audiences only.



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Children's Flea Market Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission

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A Situation Continuing to Fester By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Nine days since my PET Scan, and no word, electronically or otherwise, from my oncologist. Not having had a PET Scan in six and a half years, I'm not sure what its results would indicate, currently or comparatively (it was requested that I bring a copy of my previous scan). I mean, I know I have cancer. Do I have more cancer? In more places? Nevertheless, I'm all ears and/or eyes waiting to see or hear something. Not that I'm obsess ing about it, but I am thinking/wondering/ hoping/praying for news with which I can continue to live.

Now this isn't the first time/interval when scan results have not been communicated quickly enough – for our sake/benefit. Obviously, good news/results we want to receive immediately, if not sooner. Bad news/results we don't want to receive at all (if you know what I mean), but in not receiving good news – within our preferred timeline we then presume the news is bad. My oncologist has said previously that he'd rather wait and see us in person - which typically we do within a week's time or so, so that he can discuss/explain/strategize - as the case may be, in the event the radiologist's report requires some simplification and clarification. Having given us inaccurate/incomplete information once before - which in that one instance was bad news, he'd rather wait, thereby allowing him/the radiologist sufficient time to interpret the data and provide Team Lourie a correct assessment.

More often than not, however, when the news has been good, my oncologist has emailed advising us of the encouraging (I didn't say surprising) news. On the few occasions when the news has been bad (I'd rather call it discouraging), he has been inconsistent: sometimes he has e-mailed us, sometimes not; never a phone call though, regardless. This inconsistency has created an expectation that says good news we get, bad news not much, literally. And generally speaking, inconsistency in the flow of information between doctor and patient, especially between oncologist and cancer patient, needs to be consistent. If not, the byproduct is stress; the absolute last side effect a cancer patient needs - or rather never needs.

I understand, after addressing this communication breakdown with my oncologist, that he's happy to e-mail us results if we'd like, but when the news/results are bad, he seems to be a victim of his circumstances or the constraints of the system: he has no time to see us. His preference remains a face-to-face appointment – to minimize any misunderstanding on our part and perhaps to plan a new present/future for me - so waiting seems the only alternative. The problem is, as it is now, as it has been for over six and a half years: we're sort of receiving mixed messages - consistently. As a result, we never know if no news is good news; no news is bad news; or no news is simply no news (not to be interpreted in any way). After years of this backand-forth/forth-and-back, my oncologist is very cognizant of our anxiety/potential misinterpretation of facts not yet in evidence. At this juncture, he must know that this cancer patient - who was originally diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV and who he gave a "13-month to two-year" prognosis, needs to be coddled a little bit (make that a lot) and maybe even accommodated (no "maybes" about it). To leave us (or any other diagnosed-as-terminal cancer patient) in the lurch is not exactly cruel and unusual punishment, but it doesn't make me long for "Addams Family" reruns either. But there is a similarity in our respective circumstances: it is "mysterious and spooky" and "all together ooky." Neither of which is helpful in the least.

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



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Poetry Contest Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. www.fcacdst.org. Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 4

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly Coffee. 11 a.m.-noon. Take 5 Boutique, 2905 District Ave., McLean. Non-members are invited to come meet the club members and to hear about their various activities. For further information contact: Elaine Varner, emvarner@verizon.net.

- CPR/First Aid Certification. 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. St. Francis Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The class will be taught by American Red Cross certified trainers and will cover CPR and First Aid for both children and adults. \$75. www.celebrategreatfalls.org.
- Red Cross Blood Donation. 8:30 a.m. 2 p.m. Long and Foster Realtors, 1355 Beverly Road, McLean. McLean is holding a blood drive. Please sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org and search by Sponsor Code: LONGANDFOSTERMCLEAN or call 1-800-
- REDCROSS to schedule your appointment. **Fire Station Open House.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station, 9916 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Firefighter demonstrations, station tours and fun instructional activities will be available for children and adults alike. Come learn about fire safety and why it's so important.
- NARFE Meeting. 1 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Meeting. Guest speakers, Leonard Ignatowski and Jay Kalner - members of VVA Chapter 227. Come and hear from two Army Veterans who served our country in Vietnam. Free. Members and guests are welcome Refreshments will be served. For info, call Ralph

- Tech Thursday Technology to Support **Executive Functioning**. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Many students struggle with planning, organizing and managing tasks, which impacts their academic achievement. This workshop will focus on strategies and technology tools that can help support students with executive function deficits. Presented by the Office of Special Education Instruction, Assistive Technology Services. Free. Register at http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml.
- **Strategies to Support Elementary Students** with Dyslexia. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Specialists from the FCPS Office of Special Education Instruction will present this workshop specifically designed for parents of elementary students with dyslexia. Attend this workshop to learn strategies to support reading, writing and math at home; ways to promote effective study skills; and strategies to promote self-advocacy skills. Free. Register at http:// www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest features more than 70 workshops and everyone will learn from the amazing keynote speaker - Justin Graves. Attend the Resource Fair with over 40 organizations focused on helping students achieve a successful life after high school. You will also get to spend an entire day on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax. Free. Register at http:// www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/.index.shtml.

Fairfax Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property Necessary for Public Purposes by Condemnation or Other Means

November 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority ("Fairfax Water") will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903(B) <u>at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015</u>, to receive and consider public comments on the proposed acquisition of a certain parcel of real property by condemnation or other means. That parcel is located at 8515 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA and is more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcel No. 049-3-01-0050A (the "Property"). Fairfax Water seeks to acquire the Property for public use to serve as the site for a new central maintenance facility that Fairfax Water must construct and operate to meet the existing and future public water service requirements of its customers. Following the public hearing, Fairfax Water's Board may vote on or after November 19, 2015, to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed public use and authorizing and directing the acquisition of the Property for the public use by condemnation or other means.

A proposed Resolution and other related information will be made available for public review prior to the public hearing at Fairfax Water's Website: http://www.fairfaxwater.org

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed Resolution when it becomes available should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to **PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org** or mail written comments to:

> Fairfax Water Public Hearing Comments 8570 Executive Park Avenue Fairfax, VA 22031

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