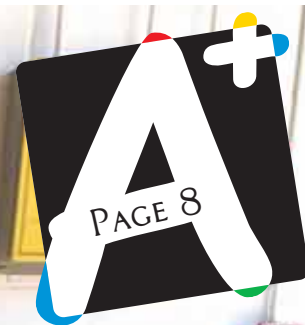




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Hayden Brandt, 6, and sister Harper, 4, tried on the safety gear used by firefighters during the open house hosted by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.



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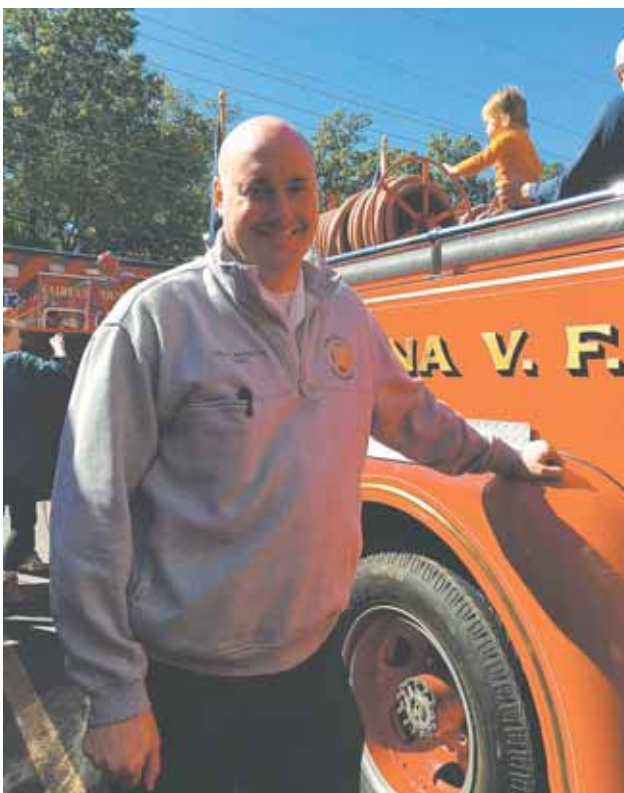


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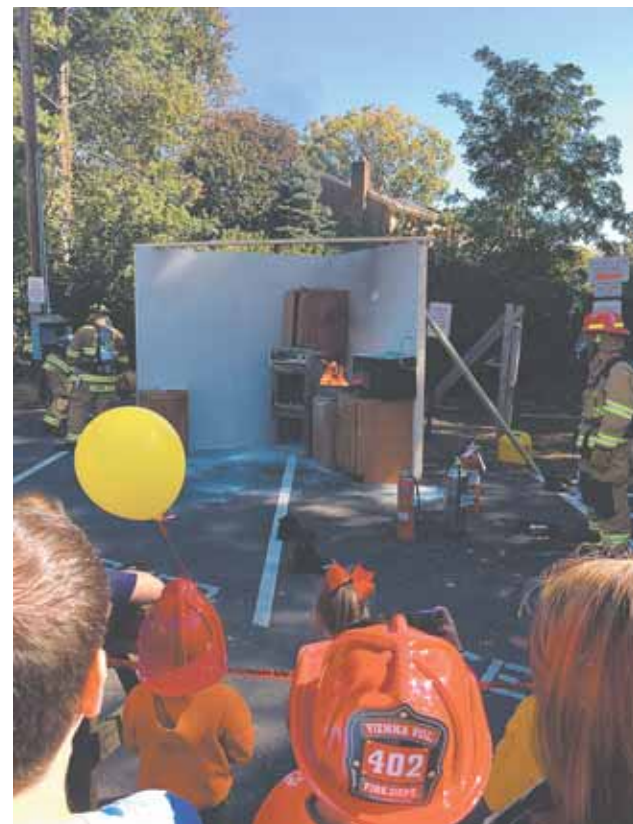
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Nathan Rounds of Vienna, 3-1/2, tried to buckle himself onto the gurney. EMT Justin Warner came to the rescue and secured the youngster.



VVFD Chief John Morrison calls his department's open house an opportunity to educate families on fire safety and to thank the community for supporting the department throughout the year.



VVFD recreated a kitchen fire to demonstrate the value of home fire extinguishers. The kids in the audience were captivated.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Hosts Open House

Annual event promotes home fire safety with fun events for children.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The open house hosted by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department in recognition of fire prevention week is, traditionally, a popular community event that draws hundreds of children and their parents throughout the day. On Oct. 15, VVFD held another of its annual fire prevention fairs to bring

attention to fire safety in the home, and to show the community a fun time.

"This gives us the ability to educate parents and children about fire safety and is an opportunity to thank the community for all the support they give us throughout the year," said VVFD Chief John Morrison.

Many of the children at the open house on VVFD grounds came in costume, directly from the halloween party on the Town Green. The crowd of children was a sea of

red plastic fire helmets, the most in-demand freebie at the event. Fire and rescue vehicles were parked in front of the station and open for climbing into. The gurney from an ambulance sat outside the vehicle and children were invited to try it out — and they did.

The protective gear used by firefighters and EMTs was available for trying on, and the rescue crew helped the children and adults into the heavy, cumbersome uniform.

Outside, there was a bounce house, a fire hose for use by kids, and a very intriguing putting-out-a-kitchen-fire demonstration.

As the department always does, volunteers handed out free hotdogs although donations were accepted.

All Fairfax County fire and rescue stations hosted open houses on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department hosts many community events throughout the year, from the traditional "Santa" run the week before Christmas to pancake breakfasts open to the community.

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Holding that high-pressure fire hose steady takes a lot more effort than it appears to. A VVFD firefighter supports the forceful hose as it directs its water gush.



A little giraffe, two-year-old Asha Mittal, came by the Vienna fire station after visiting the halloween party on the Town Green. Many children came in costume to VVFD's open house.



Hayden Brandt, 6, and sister Harper, 4, tried on the safety gear used by firefighters.

BASIS Independent Opens Tysons Corner's First Prek-12 School

More than 40 teachers and nearly 300 DC-area students were welcomed by Sean Aiken, head of school of BASIS Independent McLean, who opened the doors to Tysons Corner's first prek-12 school. Located at 8000 Jones Branch Drive in McLean, the 120,000 square-foot private school designed by Gilbane Perkins Eastman Design has more than 23 classrooms, as well as a gymnasium, chemistry, biology and physics laboratories, demonstration and reading rooms, full-service cafeteria and indoor and outdoor play areas. For more information, go to <http://mclean.basisindependent.com> or call 703.854.1253.

Classroom size can vary, but averages around 17 students. In addition to the traditional classrooms, BASIS Independent McLean offers an industrial arts room, a theater, music rooms and art rooms connected by a kiln. Designed to be energy-efficient, every BASIS Independent McLean classroom has its own climate control, with programmable light settings, while natural light prevails in the school with its four-story glass arch atrium and five additional light wells in the Great Hall (cafeteria area) that illuminate natural light in classrooms as well. The cafeteria is often referred to as the Great Hall, and includes round tables, farm tables, café seating and a recreation room. Several breakout and demonstration areas are throughout the school for simula-



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BASIS Independent McLean's staff.

tions, collaboration, and lab equipment. Science labs provide lecture space and experiment space, along with fume hoods and demonstration areas. A reading room has dedicated study lounges and conference rooms, while the BASIS Independent McLean gym is two stories with natural light, and visibility into college counseling and art gallery spaces. The early childhood

(preK-K) area has its own entrance and a multi-purpose atrium with indoor and outdoor play areas, and specially designed classrooms for younger students.

"We're thrilled to see all the students and begin a new chapter of education in Tysons Corner," said Sean Aiken, head of school of BASIS Independent McLean, McLean. "The school's design and classrooms are reflec-

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BASIS Independent McLean is hosting a seminar called, Demystifying Global Education Rankings, led by distinguished international educators, Peng Yu of Shanghai and Tue Halgreen of Paris, France on Mon., Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at 8000 Jones Branch Road in McLean. Entrance is free and open to the public, but registration is required at www.basisindependent.com/speaker-series.

The seminar will feature a conversation on the role of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in global benchmarking and their influence on educational excellence across the world.

tive of our teaching and education philosophy, providing engaging tools, spaces and environments that nurture, invite and challenge our students in learning," said Aiken.

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The Parkinson's Communications Club is led by a licensed speech-language therapist, Susan Wranik, who has been trained in LSVT LOUD therapy (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment,

which improves vocal loudness by stimulating muscles of the voice box and speech mechanism through systematic exercises). The Club, however, is not therapy. Rather, it is a group approach to applying the exercises and skills of LOUD and/or other therapies. The first of weekly sessions begins in November 2016 in Falls Church. The program is available at no cost.*

Please join us for an orientation with Dr. Codrin Lungu, Chief of the Parkinson's Disease Clinic at the National Institutes of Health, and Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. RSVP requested.



Codrin Lungu, MD is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in movement disorders. He is a member of the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area Medical Advisory Board. He is currently involved in collaborative research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in several areas related to movement disorders.



Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. She provides comprehensive assessment and treatment of speech, swallowing, memory and cognitive issues related to stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's, dementia and other neurogenic diseases. Home visits. Licensed in DC, MD, VA.



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OPINION

No to the Meals Tax

A food tax is not a silver bullet.

BY PAT HERRITY
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

I have been opposed to the meals tax from the start, but what has concerned me most over the last several months has been the tactics used to try to convince our residents to vote for it and the county's failure to deal with its spending problems. I would like to offer some clarity on these points and why I am against the meals tax.

The proponents of the meals tax insist the tax is for teachers' salaries and tax relief. In fact, the ballot language referencing schools and tax relief was selected because it was the language that passed in other counties in Virginia and according to one supervisor "we need to use the language that will get it passed." In reality, the Board of Supervisors will decide in April during the budget process how much funding goes to schools and then the School Board will decide how much funding goes to teacher raises and class size reductions. Despite the Board of Supervisors fully funding the School Board's funding request last year, the funds were not focused on fixing our teacher salary issues.

If it passes, the meals tax will just be an additional \$100 million tax on top of the \$100M in taxes the board passed earlier this year (over my opposition). In the last five years, real estate taxes alone have increased 25 percent and skyrocketed by \$565 million. As I have debated proponents of the meals tax over the last several months, there has been almost universal acknowledgement that Fairfax County has a spending problem. For example, Fairfax County offers its 35,000-plus county and school employees and administrators' unparalleled and unsustainable pensions and pre-social security benefits that even surrounding jurisdictions do not

pay. Despite my efforts to address this and other spending problems, there is no plan in place to address these unsustainable costs and benefits. The meals tax is a bad way to kick the can of addressing our spending problems down the road.

The meals tax is also bad way to address a spending problem because it is a regressive tax that targets a single industry and disproportionately hits those who can least afford it — the elderly, single working parents, young students, and people without other options. It is not a white tablecloth restaurant tax; it is a food tax. The meals tax would be on top of the current sales tax resulting in a 10 percent total tax on any prepared food, including the rotisserie chicken from the grocery store, the fountain drink from the convenience store, your morning coffee, and your food truck purchases. It is also a tax on a single industry — one that only has a 3 percent profit margin on average. This means the meals tax will result in the government making more money off of a restaurant than the restaurant itself makes in profit. This is fundamentally wrong. Restaurants not only provide thousands of young adults with their first job, they also give back to the community through sponsorships and donations.

Fairfax County voters have a decision to make. Do we settle for budget deficits and tax increases year after year, or do we send a message that enough is enough and it is time to address spending issues? I sympathize for those who support the tax; the Board of Supervisors and School Board have led them to believe that the meals tax is some sort of silver bullet to their budget and teacher salaries woes. Simply put, it is not.

Pat Herrity represents the Springfield District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness Supports Meals Tax

After careful consideration, the Fairfax – Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness has decided to fully support the proposed 4 percent Fairfax County Meals Tax.

Seventy percent of the funds raised by the tax will go to our Fairfax County Schools. Our schools have an integral role in

identifying and assisting our homeless and at risk youth as part of our homeless service system. Providing additional funding for the schools only makes sense.

Thirty percent of the funds raised by the tax will go to the county's general fund to be used for priorities as identified by the

Yes to the Meals Tax

Reduces dependence on property tax.

BY PHILLIP A. NIEDZIELSKI-
EICHNER

As a businessman here in Fairfax and a former member of the Fairfax County School Board, I write on behalf of a coalition of thousands of homeowners, parents, teachers, firefighters, police, friends and users of our libraries and our parks and recreation facilities, and those who belong to churches and non-profit organizations working to ensure that Fairfax County also protects those in need [www.yesmealstax.org].

Here since 1988, I have always valued Fairfax's pragmatic approach to local government services; i.e., we will pay for the cost of an excellent education system and high-quality services as long as the cost is reasonable and affordable.

Hit with the double whammy of the great recession and the federal budget sequestration fiasco, the Board of Supervisors and School Board did what they had to do under the circumstances — they cut costs and reduced services.

The county reduced annual expenditures by \$300 million and eliminated 700 jobs; for the school system, \$500 million and 2,100 jobs.

The maintenance backlog has grown to over \$150 million in recreation and park facilities alone.

We are spending less in real dollars per pupil this year than in 2008. We are losing our best teachers to surrounding jurisdictions, because salaries are no longer competitive in the region. Class sizes are larger.

Economic recovery has been slow. While home values have grown modestly, vacancies in office buildings are at a 25-year high and revenue from commercial property tax is at historic lows.

Compounding our challenge, state funding — particularly for schools — continues to decline, with a funding shortfall for K 12 education climbing to more than \$1 billion annually since 2009.

With 65 percent of county revenue now being generated by residential property tax, homeowners are carrying a substantial and growing share of the cost of services.

Without a more diverse revenue base, we risk school system excellence and we risk the caliber of county services that underpin our quality of life. In an article earlier this year, the Washington Post characterized this reality as Fairfax "fraying around the edges."

This is the setting for the meals tax referendum before us on Nov. 8.

Five great things will happen by approving the meals tax:

1. \$100 million will be generated. Almost a third of this revenue — \$28 million — will be paid by tourists and visitors to Fairfax.

2. Seventy percent of the revenues will be directed to the school system to help stem the loss of our best teachers and reduce class size.

3. Our quality of life will be strengthened by addressing unmet police and firefighter needs and those of our libraries and parks.

4. The backlog in county and school facility and infrastructure maintenance needs can be reduced, while also preserving our AAA bond rating.

5. Our tax base will be more diverse, relieving property tax pressure on homeowners.

Incredibly, Fairfax can do these great things by paying pennies-on-the-dollar when we eat out. Few of us ever notice paying Arlington County, Fairfax City, Falls Church and Vienna when we eat in their restaurants, yet we do.

If you agree that it is important to keep the best teachers in our classrooms, reduce class size, continue to protect our safety and maintain our quality of life; and finally — if you believe we need to be less dependent on homeowners to pay for all of the above — it is clear that we should vote yes for the meals tax. It's literally a pennies-on-the-dollar solution.

Michael L. O'Reilly

Chairman, Board of the Fairfax Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

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LETTERS

Clear Choice in 10th District

To the Editor:

I'm writing to urge my 10th District neighbors to vote for Barbara Comstock, our incumbent congresswoman. Barbara is an outstanding professional—but she is also one of us, with the same personal concerns and experiences. She and her husband moved to McLean in 1981 and have been active in the community ever since. She understands our issues through the lens of a mother, grandmother, a daughter and a small business owner.

Barbara is a woman of many talents, and has invested years in learning and addressing the most important issues to our District. She did it the hard way – from the ground up. Barbara worked as an aide to Congressman Wolf, before becoming Chief Counsel to the largest Congressional oversight committee addressing waste, fraud and abuse. She went on to serve as our tireless Delegate to Richmond, before becoming our Congresswoman. If you have ever reached out to Barbara or her staff, you know they care and want to hear our input, and answer our requests quickly with efficient and thoughtful resolutions.

Unlike Barbara, her opponent parachuted back to the 10th District, after spending a decade in Arlington and Washington D.C. hobnobbing with Democratic party elites. Having been recruited by these party elites and only recently returned, who do you think Ms. Bennett will represent—our interests or the party elite's? The contrast between candidates is stark, and the choice for our district is clear.

Cheryl Buford
Vienna

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The election season offers students such as those at BASIS Independent School in McLean an opportunity to learn about the political process.

Discussing the Election with Children

Local educators offer suggestions for navigating a complicated political climate.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

While Colleen K. Vesely has watched televised debates and political events with her children throughout this election season, an event during which the American Civil Rights movement was discussed stands out. It was a concept her 3-year-old daughter didn't grasp, of course. But Vesely used the moment as opportunity to start guiding her children through this year's election season.

"I asked her to think about what she might do if someone at school was being mean to one of her friends, to which, she promptly replied, 'I'd tell them to stop being mean and that I don't like it,'" said Vesely, an assistant professor of early childhood education and human development and family science at George Mason University. "Elections offer opportunities to consider the importance of service and standing up for democratic principles. ... However, the tone of this general election season is different."

Still, Vesely and other educators say that while election cycles typically offer families a multitude of opportunities for conversations about civics and discussions of democracy, navigating the current political climate requires added dexterity.

Use the election season to facilitate conversations in a way that is relatable to children based on their age and experiences, advises Vesely. "By ... discussing the different issues ... parents with school-age and

older children can use the election season as an opportunity to expand their children's thinking in relation to current social issues and history," she said. "Parents can use the election as fodder to hone their children's critical thinking skills with real-life issues by helping them critique candidates' opinions" as well as "understand different points of view on a variety of issues and develop their persuasive arguments." This is an exercise Vesely has used with her own children.

"During primary season, my 6-year-old and I watched a number of the candidates' speeches," she said. "We talked about the issues and each person as a human being. ... I offered reasons as to why I admired (some of) the candidates."

Focusing on citizenship and character is a strategy Vesely advises parents to use with children who are preschool-age and younger: "Parents might discuss what it means to be a good citizen in their home," she said. "For example, helping put away their toys when they are done playing, being nice to their classmates, helping their friends and teacher."

Similarly, local schools are developing creative ways to fit the Nov. 8 election into their lesson plans. For example, "since students are only in middle school for one presidential election, Norwood School takes advantage of this opportunity to help students begin to understand how to go about comparing candidates' positions on basic

"Parents can use the election as fodder to hone their children's critical thinking skills"

**— Colleen K. Vesely, Ph.D.,
 George Mason University.**

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Talking About Election

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issues, and also to help them understand how the presidential election process works,” said Michele Claeys, associate head of school and head of middle school, Norwood School in Potomac, Md.

To help students learn to understand issues and evaluate and compare candidates, teachers work together to create age-appropriate mini-lessons about candidates’ positions on a small number of issues. “Students will explore and discuss — not debate — the issues, and learn how to find additional information on their own if they are interested,” said Claeys.

On Election Day, middle school students will participate in a mock election designed to help them understand how the electoral process works. They will be divided into groups of different sizes with different numbers of electoral votes, representing each of the 50 states. “After both the real and mock elections, teachers will use the results to illustrate how the process works,” said Claeys. “Throughout these lessons, our emphasis will be on respectful dialogue and consideration of multiple perspectives and experiences.”

Educators at BASIS Independent School in McLean are teaching students about the political process by linking it to the selection of the school’s mascot. By allowing students to choose a symbol to represent the school, teachers hope to initiate a broad conversation about awareness, empathy and other values.

“Especially for our younger students, conversations about how a mascot represents the qualities and values of our school serves as a good metaphor for the more serious representation in political contexts,” said Sean Aiken, head of school. “Some students prefer traditional mascots to give our school a sense of familiarity and camaraderie. Some want less common mascots to set us apart from other schools and celebrate our individuality.”

The lesson will involve the entire student body. “We ask our older students to generate ideas that take even our youngest 3-year-olds into account so we can unite as a whole school and not just play to specific ‘special interests,’” said Aiken.

“The exercise serves as an impetus for posing thought-provoking questions to the students,” says Aiken. “Should we identify our-

selves as humorous, serious, fierce?” he asks. “What will happen if the greater numbers of students in the middle school prefer a mascot that the much smaller number of sophomores do not prefer? Should we use some sort of delegate system or stick with popular vote? How will we feel if our top choice for mascot ultimately is not selected, and what is the appropriate response to that feeling? Does our choice of mascot represent not just our current community but those who will join us in the future?”

The activities, says Aiken, open the door for conversations about fairness and frustration in ways that are meaningful and age appropriate, and that can be put into the context of the current election season. “While our situation as a brand-new school is somewhat unique, the idea of mascot representation weaves through our whole society and could certainly be used to frame a conversation between students and their families about tone, identity and cooperation,” he said.

Parents should also be aware of the ways the election is affecting their own emotional states and thus their families. “As I watch the presidential debates and continue to read the media coverage of the election, I find myself in an agitated and anxious emotional state,” said Vesely. “This heightened emotional state with feelings of stress and agitation can spill over into family relationships, leaving us less present and sensitive in our interactions with our children and partners.”

Choose the information children are exposed to thoughtfully and be prepared for questions, say experts. “The 2016 general election season [has been] described by some as dark and more negative than any of the recent past elections,” Vesely said. “We want to encourage our children’s participation in the political process, but ... it can sometimes be ugly and hurtful.”

Shielding children, says Vesely, doesn’t mean ignoring negativity entirely, however. “Parents should be prepared to talk through what children might hear from other children on the playground or at school,” she said. “Parents ought to pay attention to ... their children’s emotional states ... especially after viewing or discussing election-related media. As parents, we can look for teachable moments in which we might express notions of treating others how [we] want to be treated.”

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Area Students Named to the Virginia Honors Choir

Vocal musicians from 12 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2016. This select choir is open only to the top 125 singers from around the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is the highest honor a choir student can attain during his or her high school career. Thirty-one Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students were selected for the choir, and five students were named as alternates. The choir will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs November 17-19. FCPS students named to the 2016 Virginia Honors Choir include the following students from our area schools: **Langley High School:** Christiana Ivanova, Mary Margaret Chalk, Danbi So, Camila Maric, Ammad Akbari, and alternates Akshay Nag and Theodore Herzfeld; **Madison High School:** Benjamin

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The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Hosts Appreciation Breakfast

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) recently hosted an appreciation breakfast for their volunteers who provide services as SCOV's Friendly Visitors; Friendly Callers and Handy Helpers. More than 125 of SCOV's volunteers are engaged in providing Friendly Visitors; Friendly Callers and Handy Helpers services for seniors. Pictured, from left, first row: (l-r) Hyacinth Rodrigues; Shirley Lucas; Lenore Holm and Florence Andrews, SCOV Friendly Caller/Visitor Coordinator. Second row: Jerry O'Shaunessy; Shiva Tavara, SCOV Volunteer Coordinator; Ed Lowry; Jean Jennings; Bob Brennan and Mei Chou Donovan. To volunteer, donate or learn more about how you can help, visit www.scov.org or contact the SCOV office at 703-281-0538.

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Capital Bikeshare to Launch in Tysons, Reston

On Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, Fairfax County elected officials, community partners and county staff will host a two-part ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the launch of Capital Bikeshare in Fairfax County. The Capital Bikeshare program will provide residents and visitors short-term, on-demand access to bicycles at 29 stations located in Reston and Tysons, and is part of a regional network of more than 400 stations in the District of Columbia, Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County and Montgomery County. The Fairfax County portion of the Bikeshare system officially opens to the public on Friday, Oct. 21, 2016. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Tysons Partnership President Michael Caplin and Fairfax County Bicycle Program Manager Adam Lind will participate in ceremonies in Reston at 2 p.m. and Tysons approximately 3:15 p.m.

Reston Celebration will be held at Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station, Capital Bikeshare station on the plaza at bus bay F, 1862 Wiehle Avenue, Reston.

After the conclusion of the Reston celebration, take Metrorail Silver Line (approximately between 2:36-2:58 p.m.) for an 8-minute trip to the Spring Hill Metrorail Station in Tysons. Capital Bikeshare station located just as you exit the station on the east side of route 7, 1576 Spring Hill Road, Vienna.

WEEK IN VIENNA

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Schwartz; **Marshall High School:** Sarah Koo, Amelia Lindsey, Cagan Goldstein, and alternate Satori Green and **Oakton High School:** Jillian Tate and Violetta Nagy.

Vienna Police to Participate in Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes. On Saturday, Oct. 22, between 10

a.m. and 2 p.m. the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna. Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards. Commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

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Three-year-old
Betty Garrity, with
mom Kathleen,
meets two Vienna
Singing Prin-
cesses.



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Halloween on the Green

Saturday party co-spon-
sored by Vienna Moms, Inc.
and the Town of Vienna.

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Hundreds of families with costumed children swarmed the Vienna Town Green on Saturday, Oct. 15, for the community pre-halloween party sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc. and the Town of Vienna. There were artsy activities for children, a bounce house, free popcorn and cotton candy, face painting by the Singing Princesses, a petting farm, a caricaturist, and Rocknocos ... and lots of children.

Set under a sunny clear blue sky, the warm weather was as enticing as the live musical entertainment featuring Rocknocos. Meeting up with friends and neighbors appeared to be a draw, as well, as parents greeted other parents and kids played together.

"We are doing this to get the word out about our Vienna Moms group and to give back to the commu-

nity," said Vienna Moms, Inc. co-president Erin Prentice. "We love Vienna. It's a great town."

Many of the participants, such as school volunteers, donated their time and services as a courtesy to the community. The Vienna Singing Princesses strolled among the crowds posing with children, and, the petting farm allowed children inside the enclosure to stroke the farm animals.

"It's amazing how many children came here," said Vienna mom Diseree De Leon, carrying her one-year-old dressed in a skeleton costume. Husband Glenn was costumed, as well. "I just love it. Everyone is dressed up and that's my favorite part."



Evpeniia Fedotova, 8, sits for a caricature at the halloween party on the Town Green.



Tupelo Cash and her son Bodhi, 5, both showed their halloween spirit on the Town Green.



Friendly farm animals welcomed kids to pet them inside their enclosure (the animals' enclosure, not the kids').

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The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon - 4 p.m. 131 Church Street NE Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons. historiciennainc.org

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

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Prayer Room at Vienna Assembly of God Tuesday's through election day Nov. 8 2 - 8 p.m. 100 Ayr hill Ave, NE Vienna. The Prayer Rooms will be open, come while your kids are in school or after work and dinner. Stay as long as you like. www.viennaag.com

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Concert: Scott Miller-Sarah Borges Co-bill 7:30 - 10 p.m. Jammin' Java 227 Maple Ave. E Vienna. Known for their humor and powerful storytelling songwriter Sarah Borges and Scott Miller will tour the East Coast together on a co-bill. Cost: \$18 www.thescottmiller.com

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

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SUNDAY/OCT. 23

The Capitol Steps "What to Expect



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Capitol Steps to Perform at Oakton High

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) will host Oct. 23, 3 p.m. fundraiser at Oakton High School featuring nationally recognized comedy troupe Capitol Steps. This being a presidential election year, the Capitol Steps show is likely to feature The Donald and Hillary and, maybe, Bernie will show up too. For Tickets visit <http://www.scov.org/fundraiser-tickets> or call SCOV @703-281-0538 - \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door.

When Electing". 3 p.m. Oakton High School 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Performance by a group that has been carrying out hilarious bipartisan political satire for over 30 years. Admission to this annual community fundraiser by The Shepherd's Center: \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. <http://scov.org>

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26, 2016

The Cinderella Dream Celebration at Karin's Florist begins at 3:30 p.m. located at 527 Maple Avenue East in Vienna. 70th annual Vienna Halloween Parade in a horse-drawn Cinderella carriage adorned in thousands of fresh flowers. A special guest will also be joining the royal couple. A lucky little girl will be chosen via social media contest to ride in the Cinderella carriage with the Royal Couple and live the life of a princess for one night. Sixty tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis until all the tickets are given out. At 4:00pm, there will be an introduction of the Royal Couple and the Little Princess winner. Guests with tickets will have the opportunity to take photos and talk with Cinderella and Prince Charming on the red carpet. The Vienna Halloween Parade starts at 7:00pm and ends at 9:00pm.

70th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Viennava.gov

FRIDAY/OCT.28

Meeting of the McLean Art Society 10 a.m.- noon hosted by McLean Art Society at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Mr. Spollen will be using pastels to demonstrate drawing with spontaneity and pastel painting. Guests are welcome and refreshments are served. 703 790-0123

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 28-29/NOV. 4-5

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SATURDAY/ OCT. 29

Concert: The David Trio 4 - 6 p.m. Saint Francis Episcopal Church 9220 Georgetown Pike Great Falls VA 22066. This Italian ensemble brings the sound of violin, cello, and piano to St. Francis chancel. The sardonic Shostakovich Op. 67 Trio is balanced by a gentle Schubert Notturmo and the spirited energy of Haydn's A-flat major Trio. Cost: Season pass \$150 or \$30 at the door. amadeusconcerts.com

SATURDAY/OCT. 29 - OCT 31

Roer's Zoofari Trick-Or-Treat 5 - 7 p.m. 1228 Hunter Mill Rd. Vienna. Roer's Zoofari welcomes families from all areas to a new way of trick-or-treating this year. Kids can trick-or-treat for candy and treats, bounce around in our kids zone, and meet bugs at our creepy crawly station. Admission: \$10 per child, free for adults. www.roerszoofari.com/

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Voce Chamber Singers "Autumn Nocturne" Concert 4 - 5:30 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter 543 Beulah Rd NE Vienna. Celebrate autumn and its imagery with Voce Chamber Singers. The program includes works of Brahms, Schubert, and Lauridsen, and features Brahms's Alto Rhapsody. Purchase tickets through the website, www.voce.org, or at the door. Admission: Adult: \$25; Senior (62+): \$20; Student: \$10 under 18 free.



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