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## Tuesday at Langley High: School Is Out and Voting Is In

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Public Schools were closed for Election Day, but people woke up early to vote at Langley High School off of Georgetown Pike yesterday. A line had actually formed by 6 a.m. when polls opened county wide.

By 7 a.m., 361 people had submitted a ballot.

The high school was the polling location for both the Chain Bridge and Langley precincts in McLean and the county's Office of Elections expected nearly 6,000 voters to pass through its doors by the time it closed at 7 p.m.

The voter activity is why the county dismisses students for the day, according to

Lisa Connors, spokeswoman for the Office of Elections. It freed up parking spaces.

Mary Satian, a volunteer election official, spent the morning separating voters into their proper precincts, often referring voters to view a map when they didn't know which one they belonged to. She started volunteering for the Office of Elections in 2004.

"I always say I'll never do it again, but I do," Satian says. "We always have a good turnout."

The county had 243 poll locations open to accommodate the 682,990 residents who were registered to vote in time for the election.

While the presidential candidates vied for all of America's support, McLean



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**Election Official Mary Satian, a volunteer, helps voters get in line for the correct precinct at Langley High School.**

voters' ballots included a U.S. House of Representatives race between LuAnn Bennett (D), and Barbara Comstock

(R); two proposed state constitutional amendments; a meals tax referendum and three bond referendums.

### VIEWPOINTS

## Who did you vote for and why?

— FALLON FORBUSH



**Delegate Kathleen Murphy,**  
*Democrat, Hillary Clinton*

"Hillary Clinton is the best candidate to be a leader for this country. Trump is a game show host with a bad reputation."



**Georgia Nassikas,**  
*Democrat, Hillary Clinton*

"We're stronger together. The alternative was not an option for me. Mocking and denigration are not alternatives."



**Peter LeNard,**  
*Independent, Hillary*

"I think Trump wants me to go back to where I came from. I was born in Hungary."



**Edward Thompson,**  
*Democrat, Hillary Clinton*

"Donald Trump would make this country so bad. He speaks before he thinks. He has to be smarter. He would lead to a disaster for the entire country and that's no way to lead."



**Joan Dodge,**  
*Republican, Donald Trump*

"I think he will work for the changes that our country needs. He's a businessman and I think he'll do better negotiating—both business wise and with both parties so they work together."



**Margaret Sheehan,**  
*Republican, Hillary Clinton*

"I really can't stand Hillary Clinton, but I can't imagine a country run by Trump."



**Dina D' Arcangelo,**  
*Republican, Donald Trump*

"He has a plan and it resonates with me. I like that he wants to 'make America Great Again.' I'm 60 years old. I came from a time when we upheld our values and were unashamedly patriotic. When did politicians working for our interests become a bad thing?"



## NEWS



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**McLean Citizens Association President Jeff Barnett (left) shakes the hand of Mark Zetts while presenting him with a framed copy of the resolution.**

# Mark Zetts Honored for ‘Selfless Devotion’ to Community

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**S**itting in the back of a meeting room in the McLean Community Center, Mark Zetts squirms in his chair as he listens to a room full of his peers speaking his praises.

Zetts is a humble man who says he prefers not to talk about himself. But on the evening of Nov. 2,

**McLean Citizens Association presents resolution recognizing years of Zett’s leadership on planning and zoning issues.**

he was the center of attention.

The McLean Citizens Association voted unanimously to approve a resolution expressing its “deep

gratitude and appreciation” for his “exceptional dedication and selfless devotion” to MCA and the McLean community.

While Zetts was a member of the MCA’s Board of Directors since 2002, he spent more than nine years as chair or co-chair of the association’s Planning and Zoning Committee during a time when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors began replanning the Tysons Corner Urban Center and adopted the Tysons Comprehensive Plan, which would guide the development.

MCA was a highly engaged stakeholder as the county made decisions about how McLean would grow around its new metro stations on the Washington Metro Transit Authority’s Silver Line. This required Zetts to attend many meetings so that MCA and the 30,000 households it represents would be heard throughout the development process,” says Zetts.

**ZETTS** was also providing public testimony on behalf of the MCA to the Board of Supervisors and its Planning Commission up until he left the association in order to focus on his family and career as a senior software engineer for IBM.

“He authored over 100 resolutions during his time and had immense credibility, not only with the commission, but the county,” says Jeff Barnett, president of the MCA. “We put together multiple people to fill his shoes,” he says.

Zetts is not a braggart man. “Anyone can do it,” he says of his time testifying before public bodies.

But his replacements on MCA’s Planning and Zoning Committee, Co-Chairs John Schaefer and Ron Bleeker, were not so modest.

“He’s set a standard that can’t be duplicated; can’t be met,” says Schaefer.

Still, the new co-chairs will have plenty of opportunities to build their own legacies because the MCA will be having many more discussions on land-use and zoning ordinances.

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**McLean Citizens Association Board Member Bonnie Heebner, who represents Madison of McLean, congratulates Mark Zetts on his resolution. "He was very informative, knowledgeable. I learned a lot from him," she says of Zetts.**

## MCA Honors Mark Zetts

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ings for next year.

Zetts is confident that MCA will continue to have impact on the decisions that are being made.

"It's not just me," says Zetts. "It's always a group effort. The [MCA's Planning and Zoning] committee is full of a lot of experience."

Though the MCA is limited in power, it carries the weight of more than 100 years of influence as an organization of concerned citizens.

"We feel like we operate a bit like a town council," says Glenn Harris, MCA's first vice president. "We have no legislative powers and we're not a creature of the state, but we examine issues important to residents."

Though the council does not mandate it sends a signal to the county's public officials.

"Here are a group of citizens who have thoughtfully looked at an issue and are suggesting changes to make it better," says Harris. "Sometimes they listen."

**ANY TIME THE COUNTY** requires a public hearing for approval of something in McLean, officials present MCA with their ideas first, says Zetts. "Sometimes they come back and present two or three times based on MCA's input," he says.

For instance, the MCA's board convened several times to deliberate the county's Meal Tax Referendum that was on the Nov. 8 election ballot. The final vote of the board was to support the tax.

"It's a conditional approval and it was not a unanimous decision of the board," says Harris. "We expect the county to make good on its intention to reduce the burden on property taxes."

Should the referendum succeed, the Board of Supervisors will dedicate the net revenues to two purposes: 70 percent to Fairfax County Public Schools and 30 per-



**Mark Zetts speaks to McLean Citizens Association Board members during a reception in his honor at the McLean Community Center on Nov. 2.**

cent to county services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

As part of the MCA's support of the referendum, Harris said it will also be pushing the county to address pension issues, which he said are a primary cause of increasing real-estate taxes.

"People in McLean care," Zetts said during his speech while accepting a framed copy of the resolution in his honor. "They always have, they always will."

If the county releases planning documents that make your "blood boil, MCA is on it," he finished.

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# OPINION

## Coming: Children's Connection 2016

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We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

**EDITORIAL** We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be?

### Editor's Note

Eight of the 15 Connection Newspapers go to press during the day on Tuesdays, including earlier this week on Election Day. Reporters visited polling places and filed photos and short stories during the day on Election Day, election results were not yet available when this paper went to press. See next week's papers for more insight.  
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— MARY KIMM

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What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

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- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

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## After the Elections

BY KENNETH R.  
"KEN" PLUM

STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

**A**s I write this column the final votes of this election year will not have been cast and hence not tallied. The winners and losers are not yet known. Whether voters in my district took the recommendations in my *Voter Guide 2016* or made different judgments will only be known as the final votes are counted the day before this column appears in print.

Regardless of who the new president is and who controls the Congress there is much work to be done. Suddenly the realities of significant issues become clearer than the simplistic slogans of campaigns might suggest. There are no easy answers to ever-increasing tensions in many parts of the world, to the rising cost of health care and its lack of availability to too many people, to major inequities in wealth and opportunity among the people of our country and among the nations of the world, to crumbling infrastruc-



### COMMENTARY

ture—to name just a few!

The greatest challenge of all may be the sharp division of opinion apparent during the election season on the role government should play in responding to these needs. Complicating any reasonable discussion of the differences of opinion is the lack of trust of governmental institutions and politicians felt even more strongly after the rough and tumble of this election season.

While the only state level elections this year were special elections to fill vacancies, the tenor and outcomes of federal elections are likely to have an impact on how business is conducted in the 2017 session of the General Assembly beginning in January. If the extreme right is successful in this year's elections, those that are in the General Assembly may feel emboldened to continue to oppose taking federal health care monies, to adopt additional restrictions on abortions, and to pass laws that discriminate against LGBTQ citi-

zens. While Governor McAuliffe will still be around to wield his veto pen, there could be many protracted debates on social issues.

On the other hand, if Democrats are successful in capturing the presidency and one or both houses of Congress, moderate Republicans in Virginia may feel less need to insist on hard lines on many issues as we have seen in the past. After all, Virginia will elect a new governor and House of Delegates in 2017, and both parties will want to side with the prevailing political winds.

It is essential that all political leaders learn from this election

cycle and do what we can to help mend divisions in our state and in the nation. One thing we can do is listen. Senator Janet Howell and I will have our annual public meeting to talk with voters on Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Plaza. Come and tell us what is on your mind and offer your suggestions as to what we should do in the upcoming General Assembly session. Also, my constituent survey is on my website, [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com), and I encourage you to complete it. After all, the elections are over: time to get back to work.

### VOLUNTEER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**30th Annual Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium Caregivers Conference, Friday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** The conference "Gems: A Treasure Chest of Ideas" will have speakers and resources on topics important to caregivers. The \$30 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials, and certificate of attendance. First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. Find out more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/)

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The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, Nov. 16, at noon** at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm). Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

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## Making Blankets for Children's Hospital

In honor of Universal Children's Day on Nov. 20, The Brookfield School, a Montessori school in McLean, wanted to create a sense of community by kids helping kids. Brookfield worked with students, parents and community members to create no-sew fleece blankets for INOVA Fairfax Children's Hospital. After a friend of Brookfield spent the summer battling Leukemia, the school couldn't think of a better project or recipient than the blankets for the Children's Hospital.

Students from Langley and McLean high schools, Longfellow Middle School, Chesterbrook Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Franklin Sherman Elementary, and Kent Garden Elementary, came out to help the Kindergarteners and Preschoolers make blankets. The no-sew fleece blankets are a community team-building project and provide comfort to each child. It is INOVA's goal to have a blanket



**Gabriela Kohlmayer from McLean High School and Kendall Looney from Brookfield.**

PHOTO BY ALEXIS ADKINS

on each bed when a patient is admitted. It makes it seem less like a hospital room and more like a bed-

room. Parents report to INOVA how their child cherishes the blanket even years later.

## McLean High Student Competes on Food Network

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, Kemp Guas, a 14-year-old McLean High School student, competed on the Food Network's Chopped Junior. Kemp is the son of McLean resident Simone Rathle-Guas of Simoneink, LLC public relations firm and of TV celebrity chef David Guas of Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery in Arlington, and Washington, D.C. Guas hoped to avenge his father's appearance on the popular Food Network show, Chopped, as his dad was cut before the final pastry round. The taping of the show occurred in May 2016 and he competed alongside thirteen year old Will Connor, Taylor Brown, and Lilah Donnelly. The episode, "Snapper Snafu," was judged by chef and restaurateur Scott Conant,



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**Kemp Guas in New York City before filming.**

NASCAR driver Danica Patrick and chef and TV personality Jamika Pessoa and hosted by Ted Allen.

While Kemp was disappointed to not go to the final round, he commented, "I am a powerful cook and I've got a lot of potential for the future."

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## A Design Solution as Big as a Barn Door

Master bath renovation explores themes from Great Falls' bucolic past.

BY JOHN BYRD

**T**alk about rustic charm. In 2007, Bill and Brenda Bosch purchased what boutique remodelers sometimes refer to as a “barn conversion” — specifically, a spacious modern home which, five years earlier, had been constructed inside the exterior of a 1935 dairy barn.

With its metal roof, stucco siding and silo, the 5,800-sq.-ft., five-bedroom Great Falls residence exuded nostalgic references to the community's bucolic past.

Getting the house to owner requirements, however, entailed a commitment.

For starters, the second level primary living area (formerly, a hay loft) was too dark and poorly finished, and offered only limited views of the splendid setting through re-purposed skylights. An early renovation effort focused on “gutting” the kitchen, dining room and family room, and introducing a more appropriate glazing solution that included dormer windows in key locations.

More recently, as the children moved on to college, Bill and Brenda Bosch began to see the house from an empty-nester's perspective.

The first level master bathroom was plainly still unacceptable. With its circa 1990s white ceramic tile, tiny vanity and walk-in shower stall, the design was like something out of a builder-grade starter home.

Moreover, at 90 sq. ft., it was cramped and pinched, offering no opportunities for such upscale necessities as built-ins for toiletries and towels, a showering option for every whim, unhurried zones to dry-off and re-acclimate, and (especially) a breathtaking view of classic Virginia countryside.

Views, in particular, ranked high on the



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**Originally a circa 1935 Great Falls dairy barn, Bill and Brenda Bosch began converting the structure into their personal residence in 2007.**



**To make room for the larger master suite, Chris Arnold at Foster Remodeling Solutions devised a way to eliminate an obstructive bearing wall by installing an 8" x 17' steel beam attached to concealed vertical supports. To reinforce the rustic design theme, the exposed beam is wrapped in reclaimed barn board. The floors are also old barn wood milled to specification.**

couple's wish list.

“We wanted to see our beautiful surroundings from the bed, but this wasn't feasible,” Bosch said.

The problem: the southwest corner of the house where the master suite was located was wrapped around 80-year old post-and-beam supports that held up the second floor. Given the critical structural consideration, the original master bedroom had been configured into an L-shape (sleeping quarters with a sitting room addenda). Moreover, under the existing plan, one entered the bathroom through an equally-size sitting room, an arrangement which Bosch saw as wasted space.

“We wanted to reconfigure the rear corner quadrant of the house to improve both the space plan and the view fields,” Bosch said, “I just wasn't sure how to do it.”

Enter Chris Arnold of Foster Remodeling Solutions, the firm that had successfully renovated several aspects of a friend's home over a 10-year period.

As Arnold recalled: “We were asked for ideas for a sweeping interior makeover, but nothing could happen without implementing a significant structural change.”

Arnold's plan: shift second floor loads to an 8" x 17' steel beam attached to vertical supports concealed behind interior walls. The move would widen available bedroom floor space by 50 square feet and add another 20 square feet for an upgraded master bathroom.

To reinforce the emerging design statement, the exposed steel beam is to be wrapped in reclaimed barn board. The new bedroom flooring is, likewise, made from old barn wood that's been milled to specification. As a final grace note, one enters the commode via a reclaimed barn door mounted on antique rollers.

With the additional floorspace, the couple's new king-sized bed is now positioned on a wider interior wall that features a spot-on view of rolling paddocks and grazing horses.

Though augmented by a comparatively modest increase in square footage, the new

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The interior to the new master bath is a study in textural and tonal contrasts. Porcelain tile flooring. Mirrors framed in polished nickel. Plantation shutters. The door to the commode is reclaimed barn door mounted on antique rollers.

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master bath is, likewise, far more comfortable.

“Brenda and I can occupy the new bathroom at the same time,” Bosch said, “which was difficult before.”

Meanwhile, at 21 square feet, the “curbless” walk-in shower — fitted out with a bench and personal cubbies — boasts many cutting-edge amenities, including a programmable control that remembers each user’s preferred water temperature.

Consistent with the broader design goals, the shower now features a window with an adjustable screen that affords a panoramic view of wooded back acreage.

The interior itself is a study in textural and tonal contrasts that reinforces a softly relaxed ambiance.

The porcelain tile flooring — which Arnold found after careful research — is an exact match for natural blue stone. As an added nod to personal comfort, the flooring is heated via electrical coil integrated into the underside of the tile itself.

Other design details, explore themes from the 1930s and earlier. Period cabinetry provides drawers and shelving for towels and personal toiletries. Quartz counter surfaces and mirrors framed in polished nickel help to balance the light and dark con-



The “curbless” walk-in shower boasts many cutting-edge amenities, including a programmable control that remembers each user’s preferred water temperature. The porcelain floors are heated.

trasts. The scones are early-electric Edison-style replica with an exposed filament.

“The project has allowed us to express our creativity,” Bill Bosch said. “That’s what really makes a home special.”

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**Cheerleaders for Charity** Fridays 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 - Dec. 9 No lesson on 11/11, 11/25 & 12/2. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Introduces students to cheers, motion techniques, jumps, and more. Come build flexibility, physical conditioning and self-esteem. Cheerleaders for Charity performs at a charity event each semester. This class requires a cheer uniform fee of \$70. Instructor: Miss Raven, USA Gymnastics Certified Instructor. [mcleancenter.org](http://mcleancenter.org)

**Aerobic Dance Workout Mondays** 9:15 - 10:10 a.m. Sept. 19 through Dec. 12 No lesson on 10/10. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Choreographed routines provide heart-healthy benefits, while sculpting and mat work offer strengthening and stretching. Please bring aerobic shoes, light weights, tubing and a mat. Instructor: BodyMoves Fitness, LLC. Cost: \$168/\$144 MCC district residents. [mcleancenter.org](http://mcleancenter.org)

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

**Tai Chi Beginners' Practice.** Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. [FreeTaiChi.org](http://FreeTaiChi.org). 703-759-9141.

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### TUESDAY/NOV. 8, 2016

**Election Day.** General election. [sbe.virginia.gov/](http://sbe.virginia.gov/) and [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm)

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

**Post-Election Unity Service**  
**McLean Baptist Church** 6:30 p.m. 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Though the past months have been filled with partisan election coverage, we have the opportunity to come together as the united body of Christ for worship. No matter the division in our country, there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all who is over all, through all, and in all." We hope you will join us for a night of worship and prayer. [mclapp@mcleanbaptist.org](mailto:mclapp@mcleanbaptist.org) 703-356-8179 <http://mcleanbaptist.org/>



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**Santa makes an appearance in McLean's seventh annual WinterFest parade on Dec. 6, 2015. This year's parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4 beginning at 2:45 p.m. along the Chain Bridge Road. [www.mcleanvfd.org](http://www.mcleanvfd.org)**

## Plan Ahead McLean

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 25-27

**Thanksgiving Art and Craft Show** presented by The Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild (NVHG) at the recently renovated Spring Hill RECenter, 1239 Spring Hill Rd., McLean. The show will feature the original handmade craft and artwork of approximately 80 juried artists and artisans offering original jewelry, woodworking, photography, painting, fiber art, pottery, fused and stained glass, and much more. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults (free for children 12 and under) and includes free return and free parking. For more information, visit [www.nvhg.org](http://www.nvhg.org).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ DEC. 2-4

**McLean Holiday Crafts Show.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. This highly regarded, juried show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics, pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, fashion, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, sculpture, paintings and more. Cost: Adults \$5, children free. Visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 4

**McLean WinterFest parade & celebration** 2016 Begins at 2:45 p.m. on Old Chain Bridge Road The star of the parade, Santa, will be riding on top of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire engine. [www.mcleanvfd.org](http://www.mcleanvfd.org)

### SUNDAY/DEC. 18

**McLean Symphony Family Holiday Concert.** 3 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. Features Antonio Vivaldi's Winter from "The Seasons" and highlights from Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Admission: \$25/adults, \$20/seniors, \$15/students.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 11

**Everything Christmas Sale** Preview Sale: 4 - 7 p.m. Main Sale is 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday. At The First Baptist Church of Herndon 681 Elden St. There will be holiday decorations and a variety of gift options. The proceeds benefit The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, which supports the Herndon-Reston community through grants to local nonprofits and college scholarships to local students.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 12

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**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Fall Bazaar and Craft Show** 10 - 4 p.m. held in the Flame Room at the fire department, located at 400 Center Street, South. The craft show features crafts and home based businesses. Admission: Free. Proceeds from the rental of the table spaces and raffles benefit the fire department in their effort to raise funds for lifesaving fire and rescue equipment. To reserve a space call Carol at 703-309-3468 or email [Dancers1023@aol.com](mailto:Dancers1023@aol.com).

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### SUNDAY/NOV. 13

#### "A Rainbow of Romantics" Piano

**Concert** 4 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren 10025 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Dr. Raffi Kasparian will perform. This program will include

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# CALENDAR



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**Chicago (1927) will air at The McLean Center 1234 Ingleside Ave. on Wednesday Nov. 16. This silent film produced by Cecile B. DeMille predates the musical by 50 years. "Chicago" tells the story of the deliciously sinful murderess Roxy Hart and is based on a real-life "crime of the century." \$12/\$8 MCC tax district residents**

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pieces by composers Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Debussy, and more; as well as world premiere performances of Dr. Kasparian's own compositions. Free and open to the public. Donations support community outreach efforts. Oaktonbrethren.org

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## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

### Silent Movie with Live Music "Chicago"

**(1927)** McLean Center 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. This silent film produced by Cecile B. DeMille predates the musical by 50 years. "Chicago" tells the story of the deliciously sinful murderess Roxy Hart and is based on a real-life "crime of the century." \$12/\$8 MCC tax district residents

### Brendan James Hannah Gill & The Hours

7:30 p.m. Jammin Java 227 Maple Ave. East They've received accolades from NPR to The Guardian. Hannah is 18 and her talent is mind blowing. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com)

## FRIDAY/ NOV. 18

**McLean Art Society Meeting** 10 - noon McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. Amy Shawlen, a practicing artist, will demonstrate the Golden Products Acrylics System. Ms. Shawlen will be using the materials and showing how they can be utilized with other media. Guests are welcome and refreshments are served.

**Big Sale-small works Art Exhibition** at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna Nov. 18 6 - 8 p.m. Nov. 19 11 - 8 p.m. Nov. 20 noon - 5 p.m. Just in time for holiday giving: the Vienna Arts Society presents hundreds of small original artworks in all media, ready to hang, all costing \$99 or less.

**Theatre McLean's November Play DON'T DRINK THE WATER** Friday Nov. 18 7 p.m., Saturday Nov. 19 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Nov. 20 2 p.m. Travel back to 1960s Communist Europe in Theatre McLean's laugh-riot production of the political comedy by Woody Allen. Admission: \$12 [www.theatremclean.org](http://www.theatremclean.org)

## SATURDAY/ NOV. 19

**Dallas Children's Theater "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters"** 2 p.m. The Alden 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. When a great African king desires a wife, only the most perfect maidens in the land are invited to meet him. Mufaro's pride and joy, his two daughters of very different dispositions, embark on the long journey to be presented to the king. \$15/\$10 MCC tax district residents. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)

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# Planning Ahead: Expansion of Langley Fork

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**D**ranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder gave details of the importance of McLean's Mackall-Hall house.

"Doug Mackall was born in the bedroom on the second floor on top of the stairs. I don't know if Henry Mackall was born there or not, I don't think he was in the house," said Ulfelder. "Two prominent folks who have a lot to do with the preservation of history of McLean and have been involved in the overall Fairfax County community as well."

The Board of Supervisors in April authorized planning staff to research the Mackall-Hall house and Turkey Hill Road for a possible expansion of the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, The Board of Supervisors approved expanding the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District to include The Mackall House, originally built as a church in 1858. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application and rezoning earlier on Oct. 26.

"It is clear to me that the Mackall-Hall property belongs in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. At this point, we don't know why it wasn't included when the Historic Overlay District was created in 1980," said Ulfelder.

The Board held its own public hearing and approved the proposed expansion on Nov. 1, 2016.

**THE LANGLEY FORK** Historic Overlay District was created in 1980 by the Board of Supervisors to protect historic structures clustered around the intersection of Old Chain Bridge Road and Georgetown Pike.

The historic overlay district encompasses 83.8 acres and a cluster of six historic struc-



KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

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tures included Langley Ordinary, Langley Tolly House, Gunnell's Chapel, the Langley Friends Meeting House, the Mackall House and the Kennedy's Hickory Hill.

Historic Overlay Districts are special zoning districts under the county's zoning Ordinance, and consist of "property or group of contiguous related properties determined to be of architectural, historic or archaeological significance" to county residents.

The proposed change is the second proposed boundary change of the 13 overlay districts in the county; The Centreville Overlay District was expanded in 2007.

According to Planning Commission staff reports, The Mackall House was originally built as a church in 1858. The Mackall family converted the church into a residence in the late 19th century and occupied the house until the 1940s. The building is now used as a day school, according to staff reports.

The properties were originally part of a 540-acre tract of land named Langley by Thomas Lee for the ancestral estate in England. It was sold to B. Mackall in 1838, according to commission documents. "A Union Army Civil War camp was situated on part of the property and the house served as a tenant house for a sheep farmer postmaster during the late 19th century."

After two owners occupied the house from 1949-1961, Dorsey and Cynthia Richardson purchased the two parcels of property and maintain it today. The home and its history have been preserved "primarily due to a devoted home owner who has maintained and cared lovingly for the property since she and her husband bought it in 1960," said Ulfelder.

With the help of her daughter Melanie Richardson, Cynthia Richardson has documented the history of the house and its various owners, said Ulfelder.

The Fairfax County History Commission voted in July to expand the historic district to include the Mackall-Hall House and vacant parcel at 1013 and 1011 Turkey Run Road.

The Fairfax County Architectural Review Board also voted this summer to recommend the expansion.

Neighbors Ann Alexander and Edward Alexander own property across the street.

"We're very much interested in the area," said Edward Alexander.

"Like many of you, we believe in history," said Ann Alexander. "How does this affect all of us who own property in that area?"

"You're outside the boundaries," said Ulfelder. "You're not affected."

## Langley Fork Historic Overlay District

"Beginning in the early 19th century, the village of Langley grew around the juncture of the Georgetown-Leesburg Turnpike and Chain Bridge Road. Both roads date from the colonial era. The Georgetown-Leesburg Turnpike was an important east-west road linking farmers with the merchants of Georgetown. Fairfax County had few towns and clusters of houses and other buildings developed around crossroads, near mills, or at other convenient locations. These settlements dotted the rural 19th- and 20th-century landscape. Langley Fork is the most intact and recognizable of these rural crossroads villages remaining in Fairfax County. Six buildings, in addition to the roads themselves, remain from the previous century. Two, the mid-19th-Century ordinary and toll house, illustrate the area's importance as a stopping point for travelers. The ordinary served as both headquarters and hospital for troops in the Civil War. The Mackall House was built in 1858 as Trinity Methodist Church, but was later converted into a house and is now a school. Two other churches survive, the Langley Friends Meeting House, built in 1893 as the second church of the Trinity Methodist congregation, and Gunnell's Chapel, built after 1865 as the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The sixth structure, Hickory Hill, was constructed shortly after the Civil War, probably by the same man who built the ordinary. In the 1930's the house was extensively remodeled."

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/historic/overlaydistricts/langley.htm>

# Increased Density Protects Proffer Negotiations

## McLean Business District to get increased density to preserve community's ability to negotiate with developers.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Board of Supervisors approved redevelopment of properties along Beverly Road in McLean for higher floor area ratio density at its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

The Board made the change to Beverly Road in McLean's business district in order to qualify as an exception to the newly imposed Proffer Reform Act, which would have restricted the ability to implement proffers especially off-site infrastructure.

"This change will allow McLean residents to continue to negotiate important

community facilities," said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust.

He called the plan amendment "another example of staff moving very quickly and very efficiently. ... This is very important to us as we talk with developers in McLean."

The Proffer Reform Act, which went into effect on July 1, 2016, proved to be an "impetus" for the plan amendment to the McLean Planning District.

"This is important," said Dranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder at a commission public hearing on Oct. 6, regarding properties on Beverly Road now to be considered for redevelopment at an intensity up to 3.0 floor area ratio.

Floor area ratio is a measure of density

defined by the size of the building in square feet divided by the size of the lot in square feet. For example, a building on a quarter acre lot, 10,800 square feet approximately, could be more than 30,000 square feet in floor area and still be less than 3.0 FAR.

The proposal was important enough for the McLean Citizens Association to pass a resolution at its last membership meeting on Oct. 5, 2016.

Although the new Proffer Reform Act restricts proffers made by developers with new residential development, according to McLean Citizens Association, the Act provides exceptions if the area is: 1) designated as a revitalization area; 2) encompasses mass transit; 3) includes mixed use devel-

opment; and 4) allows a density of at least 3.0 floor area ratio.

"The McLean Business Center meets three of the four required criteria, but currently does not meet the requirement that a density of at least 3.0 FAR be recommended by the Comprehensive Plan," according to Planning Commission documents.

"The resulting restriction on the ability to negotiate for and obtain proffers for new residential development that would require rezoning in the community business center will severely limit the ability to implement the Comprehensive Plan recommendations for McLean (such as sidewalks, landscaping and off-site infrastructure) that the community has come to expect as a part of development," according to MCA documents.

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## News



KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

This area of Beverly Road in McLean's business district will be considered for a floor area ratio up to 3.0 in order to qualify as an exception to the newly imposed Proffer Reform Act, which would have restricted the ability to implement proffers, especially off-site infrastructure.

## Increased Density Approved

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To address this concern, a sub-committee of the The McLean Planning Committee formed to identify portions of the community business district appropriate for floor area ratios of 3.0, according to MCA and planning commission staff reports.

"The designation reflects areas

where a limited amount of infill development or redevelopment may occur, but recommends no large-scale new development. On a parcel level, the area is planned for and developed with a variety of land uses including office, retail and high-rise multifamily residential uses," according to Planning Commission documents.

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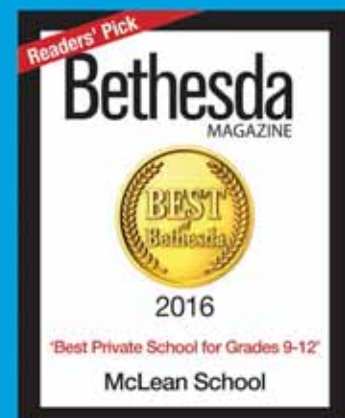
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## Feeling a Little Low



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In spite of mostly-successfully not being preoccupied with my condition/circumstances/disease, when a lung cancer survivor dies, even one with whom I've had minimal contact; one whom I could barely call an acquaintance, the link in the chain that makes all of us lung cancer patients/survivors stronger is most definitely effected.

Not that every lung cancer patient's diagnosis is identical; be it the staging (1-4), the type (non-small, small, etc.), the molecular profiling (ALK, EGFR, KRAS, HER2, etc.), the treatment or whether they were smokers or not, one cancer survivor's death is not necessarily related to another's. Like most things in life, more information is needed.

Nevertheless, it doesn't minimize the loss. When one survivor dies, we all die, a little bit. Recently, a prominent figure in the lung cancer world, Jerome Sorkin, a nine-plus year lung cancer survivor died. I did not know him, though I knew of him. I passed him once while walking in a hallway at The Key Bridge Marriott after attending the annual LUNGeVity Foundation conference held every year in late April. We were both leaving but heading in opposite directions. He saw me and said "Love your column." I replied "Thanks," and that was the extent of our interaction.

In general, and in the lung cancer world in particular, typically one wants to hear positive news/be around positive people. Otherwise, maintaining your emotional equilibrium and your living/dying existence is simply too damn difficult. The razor thin line on which all of us lung cancer survivors teeter-totter cannot tolerate too much interference. Who knows exactly what news — personally or publicly, will cause one's cancer do what it so often does: inflict more damage followed by an inevitable decline.

This does not imply/encourage that cancer patients should or could quite frankly, live in an emotional bubble where only positive feedback and life-affirming words are allowed in. As my deceased father would have said: "The idea has merit." The reality is however, that such an option is impractical and unrealistic (except on Seinfeld; see "Bubble Boy"). Still, it doesn't diminish the fact that cancer survivors need to be "infused with positivity," as I like to say. Moreover, anecdotal evidence suggest that a good attitude and a positive environment affects a cancer patient's prognosis and enhances their lives.

Not only do I joke about having cancer, I want to be around others who joke as well and who can go with my flow and not bring me back to my reality. I spend enough time there on my own; I don't need any help returning. Nor do I do well when I hear bad news; specifically, the death of a fellow lung cancer survivor. Intellectually, I understand that lung cancer survivors are all different, live different lives, have different motivations, etc. Nevertheless, I feel for Jerome Sorkin, I feel for his family and friends and I feel for LUNGeVity where Mr. Sorkin was Vice Chairman of LUNGeVity's Board of Directors. I don't want any lung cancer survivors to die before their presumptive time. I want lung cancer to, at the very least, become a chronic/treatable disease (like diabetes) where one can live their life to a relatively normal expectancy; and if I were to dream really big, I want lung cancer and all cancers of course, to be curable/reversible.

Until these days arrive, all of us patients live on the edge. Just as I am strengthened by stories of resolve, I am weakened by stories of fellow survivors succumbing to their disease. Right now I am weakened.

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

## News

## 'MarketPlace' Fundraiser Set for Dec. 1 During Annual Homes Tour

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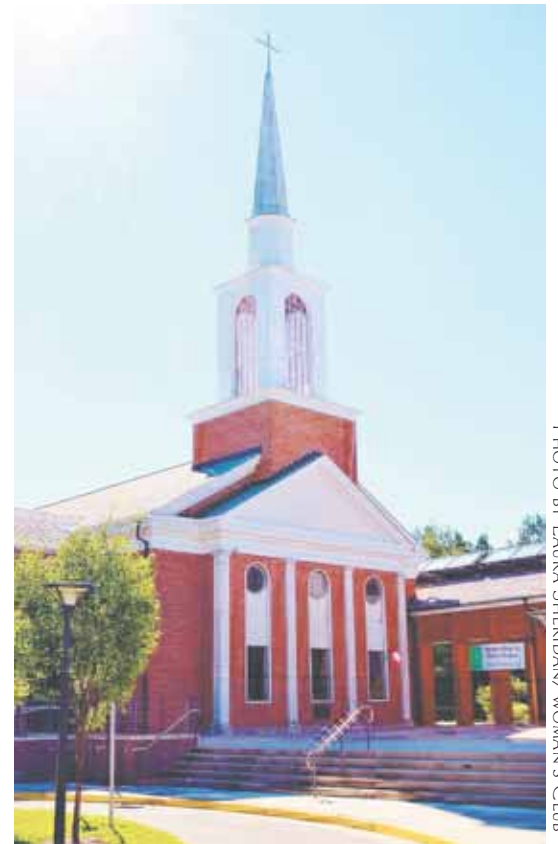


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