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Sister Mickensie Willes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a Share volunteer, helps decorate a tree that stands behind where Santa Claus was supposed to sit during the festivities.

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Holiday Gifts for Dogwood Elementary

During early December, the Churchill Road PTA's Community Service Committee sponsored a holiday gift drive for students at their buddy school, Dogwood Elementary. Many Churchill Road families donated to this toy drive, continuing the more than 10-year tradition. Community Service Chair Robin Hoeymans organized the event and delivery of the items to Dogwood.



Churchill Road students Rory and Finn Marino and Joseph Hoeymans (center) helped pack up the many toys that were donated to the Dogwood Elementary holiday gift drive.

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Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) student journalists have been recognized by two national student journalism organizations for their outstanding work.

News publications from McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) have been named Crown Award finalists by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). They are The Highlander (High School News), McLean High School, Lindsay Benedict, adviser; and tjToday and tjtoday.org (High School News Hybrid for print and online), TJHSST, Erinn Harris, adviser. Both publications will receive either a Silver or Gold Crown at the CSPA award ceremony in March 2017. Five FCPS students have been named finalists in individual contests by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). These students are among just 10 finalists in their respective categories and were chosen from entries submitted nationwide.

NSPA finalists are:

❖ Sports Story: John Corvari, The Highlander newsmagazine, McLean High School.

❖ Sports Action Photo: Maggie Laird, The Clan yearbook, McLean High School.

❖ Newspaper Page One Design: Susie Hyland, Jodie Lee, The Hawk Talk, Madison High School.

❖ Illustration: Sam Willett, The Watchdog, Westfield High School.

Emma Leiken, a 2012 McLean High School graduate, earned Fulbright grant. She graduated from Oberlin College in May 2016.

Brandon Bast, of Great Falls, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 7. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in sport management and a minor in marketing.

Savannah Kathleen McBride was awarded an \$8,000 four-year Fraternal College Scholarship in a national competition by Modern Woodmen of America. She is the daughter of Stephen and Lezlie McBride, McLean. She plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Brendan Mullen, Langley HS Class of 2011, was awarded a prestigious summer Research Fellowship by the Drexel University College of Medicine to study the effects of concussion on mice. Brendan will present his results at the College of Medicine's annual research event, Discovery Day, in October 2016. Former Langley ice hockey goalie, continues his support of children's special hockey by volunteering for the Philadelphia Flyer's youth special hockey team.

Dov Cohen, of Vienna, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises in May 2016.

Neal Daniel Dawson, of Vienna, graduated from Averett University in May 2016 with a master of business administration degree.

Courtney Laine Vereide, of Vienna, graduated magna cum laude from Elon University on May 21, 2016, with a Bachelors degree in English and a Classical Studies minor.

Brandon D. Kendrick, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

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Eva Sereghy, a long-time Share volunteer and McLean Rotary member, sorts through a table of toys that was donated by one woman in the community.



Bob Delaney of McLean, a Share volunteer, slides bottles of laundry detergent from a truck to volunteers who were loading them into carts to haul into the church.

Season of Giving in Full Swing at Share

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

More than 275 families, or more than 800 people, at tended Share's holiday program on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the McLean Baptist Church on Chain Bridge Road.

The working poor, elderly, disabled and homeless people who comprise Share's client base in the McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Hills were provided a meal and were paid a visit by Santa Claus who handed out Christmas gifts.

"It's the highlight of the year for me," said Chris Wilbur, Share's holiday program coordinator. "Everyone goes home with presents and laundry detergent and toiletries, which can't be purchased with food stamps."

More than 50 volunteers contributed to the festivities over the last three months, helping organize the \$55,000 worth of gifts and groceries, according to Wilbur.

The holiday program started when Share's clients expressed sadness for their inability to buy Christmas gifts for their families, says Vick Kimm, who has been volunteering with Share for more than 20 years.

"If you're just getting by, you don't have much to fall back on so helping them through rough patches and the holidays ... We meet a real need," he said as he pushed a cart of toiletries into the church to be sorted.

The Giant grocery store down the street from the church contributed to the festivities by donating grocery gift cards. For years, it has also put up a tree in the middle of its store that helps Share.

"We like to make everything personalized," Wilbur says. "We get to know our clients."



Chris Wilbur, Share's holiday program coordinator, plugs in the lights of a tree that volunteers finished decorating.

Months ago, clients were given a needs assessment, which included wish list items. Volunteers then try to match gift cards or donations that will fulfill their requests.

The tree in the Giant grocery store is a way to get the community involved in making these wishes come true.

Shoppers can do this by picking an envelope off the tree, paying for the wish at the register and giving the envelope to the customer service desk.

One envelope reads: "47-year-old man, AMC Theaters gift card for date night." Another envelope reads: "12-year-old girl, Macy's gift card for pants and shoes."



Senior McLean High School student Jordan Schneier, 17, helps wrap gifts that Santa Claus will be handing out.

Food For Trees

The McLean Rotary sold 81 trees and 67 wreaths as part of its Food for Trees fundraiser.

"We raised more than \$1,700 in cash donations for Share, more than \$1,000 in Giant and Safeway grocery gift cards for Share clients and grocery cart after grocery cart of groceries for the Share food pantry that people brought when they picked up their trees and wreaths," Jan Auerbach, member of the McLean Rotary, said in an email to the Connection.

Volunteers from Share, the Rotary and 10 missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ



Margaret Dewar of McLean selects a few wishes from the Share holiday tree at the Giant in the McLean Shopping Center.

of Latter-Day Saints helped with the tree and wreath pick up on Dec. 3.

"It was very much a community event," said Auerbach. "Many purchasers thanked us for continuing the program since they believe it really does exhibit the spirit of Christmas."

Share Inc. is an all-volunteer organization providing emergency assistance to the working poor in McLean, Pimmit Hills, Great Falls and nearby areas of northern Virginia. Share's programs include: paying bills to ward off evictions and utility shutoffs; running a food bank; delivering recycled furniture; and providing refurbished computers and school supplies to clients.



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NEWS

Ryder, Anne Gruner's golden retriever, was dressed as a Heavenly Reindog. She won first place for large dogs in McLean's 20th Annual Reindog Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Langley Shopping Center.

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ANNE GRUNER



Reindog Parade Held in McLean

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Graziella, Andrea DelVecchio's cockerpool, won second place in the small dog category. Santa Claus visited dogs and their owners in his fire truck.



Graziella, Andrea DelVecchio's cockerpool, won second place in the small dog category. "It was a fun morning," she says. Dog owners were encouraged to sip on hot chocolate and eat donuts.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Boy Scouts Join Share Food Drive

The Boy Scouts of America's "Scouting for Food" 2016 brought in 2907 lbs. of food to McLean's Share. Locally, Troop 1130 of McLean, had 31 Boy Scouts working for more than 71 hours on Nov. 12. "Scouting for Food" is an annual Boy Scout led food drive covering the entire Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. On Nov. 1, Scouts distributed plastic bags to homes in Maryland and Virginia, and flyers at District of Columbia residences. Scouts then return a week later to homes to pick up the food. Since the program launched in 1987, Scouts have collected millions of pounds of non-perishable food items to provide for people in need.

Troop 1130 is sponsored by Charles Wesley United Methodist Church of McLean. For more information about Troop 1130, contact Dave Meyers, Scoutmaster, at info@Troop1130.com.

McLean Student, Teammate Make National STEM Competition Finals

By FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

When Lauryn Wu of McLean was in sixth grade, her math club was dominated by boys, but she didn't let that intimidate her.

"I still went because I thought that math problems were interesting and I was good at math," she said.

Now that she is in high school, she is one of the best in the nation.

As a 15-year-old sophomore at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, she and her teammate Yoshihiro Saito, sophomore at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, Md., were named National Finalists in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology after earning top spots in the regional competition in November.

All the top regional winners moved to the final phase of the competition to present their work at the National Finals at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 5-6, where \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded, including two top prizes of \$100,000.

"Our research is a discovery of a new class of topological insulators," she said. "Our materials use different atoms than what other research has used before."

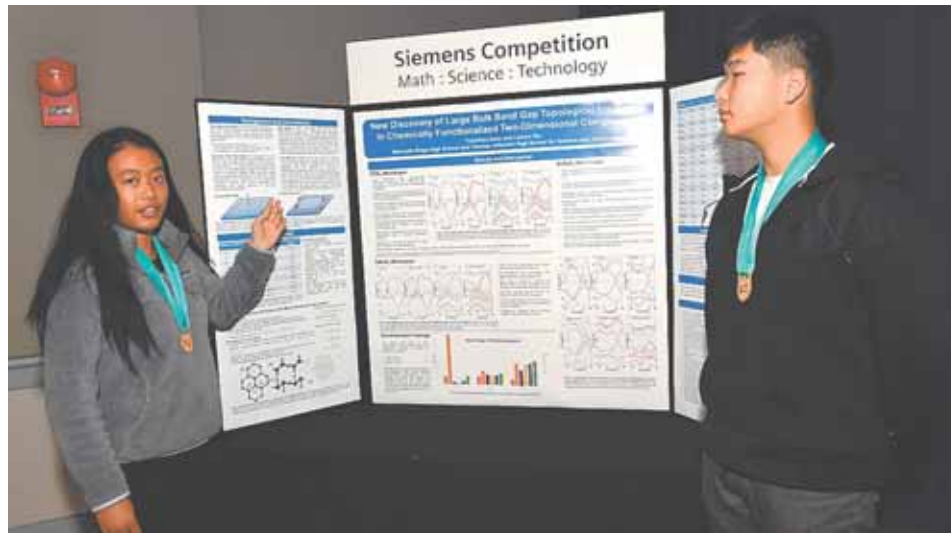


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McLean's Lauryn Wu, sophomore at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, and Yoshihiro Saito, sophomore at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, Md., present their project, "New Discovery of Large Bulk Band Gap Topological Insulators in Chemically Functionalized Two-Dimensional Compounds," to judges in D.C.

Topological insulators are materials that can conduct electricity on the edge, but insulate in the middle, she says.

The material's interesting properties have raised a lot of interest in the physics and the material science communities because they have a "huge potential" in high-performance electronics, like quantum computers, according to Wu.

"Quantum computers are the future of computers because they're like a million times more powerful than today's supercomputers," she said.

Currently the only experimental realization of a topological insulator was at 10 degrees Kelvin, a very low temperature that can only be achieved in expensive laboratory settings, according to Wu.

What makes Wu and Saito's work extraordinary is the temperature. They theoretically predict that their material can be used at room temperature, which is significant.

Materials such as the ones they theorize could open a whole new area of application.

"It can be used in real-life application," she said. "There are no current high-temperature discoveries of topological insulators."

While Wu and Saito's project did not win, they were awarded \$40,000 scholarships for making it all the way to the National Finals, which were winnowed down from an original pool of more than 2,000 competitors with projects in the areas of computer science, physics, chemistry, mathematics, materials science, environmental science, biochemistry, biology and engineering.

Wu wants to do more research into topological insulators and superconductors, and possibly create materials that can be used in higher temperatures. She also wants to study computer science in college.

For young women who find themselves in a male-dominated STEM field, Wu says not to worry about what other people say.

"Just show that you're better than them," she said. "Read books, articles and watch videos about topics that you're passionate about. Expand your knowledge so you can come up with ideas that are cool and outside of the box."

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History in Police Reform Part 2

Civilian Review Panel — and they said it couldn't be done

Last week, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to establish a Civilian Review Panel, part of a two-pronged concept of independent oversight of law enforcement recommended unanimously by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

On Sept. 20, 2016, the board voted to establish the Office of the Independent Auditor, the other piece of oversight. The two branches of oversight would not overlap.

The Independent Police Auditor will report directly to the Board of Supervisors and provide oversight in cases of police use of force that lead to serious injury or death, including officer-involved shootings. The Civilian Review Panel will respond to community concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by FCPD by reviewing the investigations conducted by the department.

The vote by the Board of Supervisors for the Office of Auditor was unanimous, and for the Civilian Review Panel, 9-1, indicating the strong commitment to independent oversight and the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission. The experiences from other communities with civilian oversight have shown that strong, independent oversight builds legitimacy and public trust through increased police transparency and accountability to the public served. Oversight provides a meaningful voice or forum for the public and forms a crucial bridge between the public and the police. Increased transparency, trust, and communication between the police and the public

can lead to greater community cooperation in achieving the ultimate goal of decreased crime and increased public safety.

This very positive outcome seemed nearly impossible in the wake of the death of John Geer in August 2013, shot by then Fairfax Police Officer Adam Torres while standing unarmed in the doorway to his own home. Officials had long opposed consideration of a Civilian Review Panel.

Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova deserves tremendous kudos, first for establishing the Ad Hoc Commission in the wake of public outrage over the shooting and the blackout of information that followed, and then for her unwavering support of the recommendations that emerged.

EDITORIAL

In voting for the Civilian Review Panel, Supervisor Linda Smyth said: "We all know it's time to put this in place. This is what the public has really asked us to do."

John Cook (R-Braddock), chairman of the Public Safety Committee, has been relentless in moving the recommendations forward for discussion and approval by the board. Having both the auditor and the panel approved in 2016 is no small accomplishment.

The recommendations for oversight also have the enthusiastic support of Police Chief Edwin Roessler, whose support overall for change in the FCPD has been admirable and essential.

Every member of the Board of Supervisors deserves credit for engaging on the details and supporting recommendations of the commission.

Other changes brought about by the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations include the implementation of Diversion First, which provides treatment rather than jail for nonviolent people with mental illness, resulting in some 350 diversions from potential criminal arrest, and in police transporting more than 1,000

people in mental health crisis to the Merrifield Center for treatment; an emphasis on de-escalation and on crisis intervention training; the revamping of the order of officer training to emphasize the role of policing in a democracy and the sanctity of life ahead of firearms training; and the significant amendment of General Order 540 on the use of force. The FCPD has been a leading force in these changes, and its leadership has played a pivotal role in seeking out and implementing best practices.

There are still miles to go, but evidence is that county and police leadership are prepared to traverse those miles.

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for ongoing implementation.

SoberRide Safety Net for Holiday Celebrations

The annual Holiday SoberRide program, offering free rides home to locals over 21 who have been celebrating with alcohol, will operate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each evening between Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. SoberRide is organized by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Project. Area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$ 30 fare), safe way home. Last December, nearly 1,500 people took advantage of the program.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at www.soberride.com.

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Major Bus Routes Slated for Elimination

To the Editor:

As part of its FY 2017 budget, Metro is recommending the elimination of several major bus lines in Fairfax County. Some of these routes are used heavily and are essential to a great many people. Two routes slated for elimination are Route 1C and Route 2B. Both run from Dunn Loring to Fair Oaks but by different routes serving different communities — 2B has a daily ridership of 900-plus (257,000-plus riders a year), The 1C has a daily ridership of almost 1,000 (320,000-plus a year).

Neither my partner nor I drive. We use the 2B frequently to go to Fair Oaks, Vienna Metro, Pan Am Shopping Center, Merrifield, and to connect to the 2A at Dunn Loring to go to the

doctor in Falls Church.

This bus provides the only weekend service, midday service, holiday service, and late evening service in our area. For us it is essential. Many low income folks who cannot afford cars depend upon this bus. As a regular rider I can also attest that many recent immigrants, seniors on fixed incomes or who cannot drive and disabled persons ride these buses. The loss of this service would be a tremendous blow to our daily lives.

Charles Keener
Vienna

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Members of the Board of the McLean Trees Foundation, the McLean Citizens Association, and the DelBianco family, help honor the life of Danny DelBianco with the planting of two native trees in Lewinsville Park, McLean.

Native Trees for McLean

McLean Trees Foundation programs help restore McLean's urban forest.

To enhance and diversify McLean's urban forest, volunteers for the McLean Trees Foundation (MTF) planted 22 native trees, both canopy and understory species, throughout McLean this year. Twelve trees were planted with homeowners through MTF's Neighborhood Tree Program, and 10 trees were planted on public sites through MTF's public planting program, including in Churchill Road and Lewinsville Parks.

"A handful of dedicated volunteers have diligently worked throughout the year to diversify McLean's urban forest through our public and residential tree-planting programs," said Joyce Harris, Chairman of MTF. "These volunteers are committed to educating the public on the benefits, planting, and care of trees."

Planted species include White Oak, Willow Oak, American Elm, Black Gum, Bald Cypress, American Hornbeam, Downy Serviceberry, and Eastern Redbud. The trees are 1-to-1.5-inch caliper in size, and range in height from 8 to 12 feet tall. All are provided with deer protection. MTF volunteers water, mulch and prune the trees on public sites for three years until they get established. MTF volunteers guide homeowners on how to care for their own trees.

Some trees on public sites are funded by MTF's Tree Sponsorship Program. On a recent fall work day, volunteers planted a Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*) and a Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) adjacent to the playground in Lewinsville Park in memory of McLean resident Danny DelBianco. Dona-

tions from members of the board of the McLean Citizens Association funded the purchase and planting of the trees. The trees will provide shade and beauty to the children and adults using the playground.

"The two trees planted in honor of Mr. DelBianco are beautiful additions to Lewinsville Park," said Harris. "The Black Gum tree is a cultivar called 'Wildfire.' Its new leaves are tinted red, then turn green. In the fall, the leaves turn a brilliant russet-red. The tree supports numerous pollinators and over 90 species of birds feed on its small blue-black berries."

"The Willow Oak is an upright, fast-growing red oak species that can adapt to a variety of growing conditions," said Harris. "It is known for its strength and durability, and for its overall form and fine-textured foliage. The leaves are light to bright green in the spring, dark green in the summer, and change to yellow and yellow-brown in the fall."

"The trees will improve our environment, bring enjoyment to the entire McLean Community, and serve as living tributes to Mr. DelBianco," said Harris.

Contributions to MTF's Tree Sponsorship Program support the planting of trees on public sites. Sponsorship trees are scheduled for MTF's annual planting program on sites slated to receive trees in the spring and fall.

More information about MTF's Tree Sponsorship and Neighborhood Tree Programs can be obtained at www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org.

"Planting a tree is an act that brings goodness into the world," said Harris. "Everyone should be planting trees."

SCHOOL NOTES

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Robert P. Buttarazzi, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Megan L. Graves, of Vienna, has been named to the president's list for the 2016 spring semester at Elon University.

Christie Sweet, of Vienna, majoring in health and exercise science, graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College in May 2016.

Vitale Alexander Christy, of Great Falls, graduated from the University of Tampa in Florida on Jan. 19 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and a minor in Writing.

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Winter Walk of Lights at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens open every day beginning on Friday, Nov. 18, 2016, through Jan. 8, 2017. Open Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, too. The walk of lights runs daily from 5:30 - 10 p.m. Last tickets sold at 9:30 p.m. This family-friendly six-week winter wonderland of spectacle is only a few years old but has garnered a loyal following from throughout the Northern Virginia area, particularly Vienna and its environs. To buy timed tickets online: <https://www.novaparks.com/events/winter-walk-of-lights>

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. 703-759-9141.



Musicologist, humorist and jazz pianist John Eaton will share the history and harmonies of some favorite seasonal songs from the American Songbook at a special "Holiday Spectacular" on Saturday, Dec. 17 at The Alden.

FRIDAY/DEC. 16

Redeemer Lutheran Church's Annual Living Nativity and Christmas Concert. All are welcome and invited to enjoy the sounds of the season and the excitement of live animals in the creche, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. There is no charge to attend, and it is open to the entire community. Children are invited to put on angel or shepherd costumes, and visit the live animals, maybe pet a bunny or baby lamb. At 7:30 everyone is invited inside to experience a concert of many choirs - adult, children and bell choirs. You can also sing along with favorite Christmas Carols. After the wonder of the starry night warm up inside with

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SATURDAY/DEC. 17

Holiday Express and Visit with Santa at Clemyjontri Park 10 - 3 p.m. Clemyjontri Park is located at 6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Visit with Santa, go for a ride on the Holiday Express train, and take a spin on the unique carousel that's wheelchair accessible. There will also be holiday pictures for children to color. Stay for a while and let the kids play on the specially-designed playground that allows children of all abilities to have fun side-by-side. Train rides: \$5 Carousel rides: \$3. Photo with Santa: \$5 <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/clemyjontri/>

Puppy Nativity Vienna Church 10 - 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Bring your puppies and dogs to take part in the Live Puppy Nativity. This will be fun for the community and may make great holiday pictures. Costumes and treats will be provided for pets. Hot chocolate will be served, and the church's youth group will be on hand to accept community donations for the Britepaths Holiday Program to help needy families <https://britepaths.org/our-programs/holiday-program>

"John Eaton's Holiday Songbook" 2 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Jazz pianist and musicologist John Eaton's first-ever holiday concert last year was such a hit that we're bringing it back! Hear your Great American Songbook favorites with a yuletide twist. Admission: \$35/\$20 MCC tax district residents. <http://mcleancenter.org/alden-theatre>

Pet Adoption Event. Wolf Trap Animal Rescue hosts an adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. at the Tysons Corner PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. There will be puppies and kittens waiting for their "forever homes." Make this holiday season the beginning of their "forevers" in your home.

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.

Glorious Sounds of Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, Vienna. Share in the Christmas celebration with all of the VPC choirs and the Cathedral Brass orchestra. Child care available with 48-hour reservation by calling 703-938-9050, x351. <http://viennapres.org/>

Great Falls United Methodist Church Living Nativity 5 - 6 p.m. Three 20 minute, one act plays will kick off the event. Come listen to the story, sing some carols, pet the animals, enjoy refreshments, and rekindle joy for Christmas. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. www.greatfallsumc.org

Plan Ahead McLean

SATURDAY/JAN. 7

The Capitol Steps at The Alden 8 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. To recover from this off-the-wall election cycle, remain calm and walk, do not run, to The Alden and shelter-in-place with these master political satirists. \$50/\$35 MCC tax district residents. Visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 8

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ENTERTAINMENT

The McLean Symphony will perform its annual concert, "Seasonal Magic: A Family Concert for All" on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre.

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McLean Symphony's Seasonal Magic

Holiday family concert to be held on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre.

BY NATALIA MEGAS
THE CONNECTION

With a full season ahead of them, the McLean Symphony, now in its 45th year, kicks off the holidays with a holiday family concert on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre.

Songs and carols about the holidays including works by Mykola Leontovych, Antonio Vivaldi, Gian-Carlo Menotti, and Adolphe Adam will be performed by the 61 members, all local volunteers for their annual concert, "Seasonal Magic: A Family Concert for All." The chamber orchestra, which was founded in 1971 under the direction of its founder, Maestro Dingwall Fleary, will offer the opportunity for a sing-along during their concert at the McLean Community Center, the symphony's last performance at the center before it shuts down for renovations.

"I want everyone to leave this concert feeling a lot of the holiday spirit," said Maestro Dingwall Fleary, who has been the Maestro since the symphony's inception and has been dedicated to providing good music at affordable prices to area residents.

"The concert is for families. The fun part is when we play a lot of the popular songs and invite the audience to sing-along," he said. Fleary says that working with the symphony is a "collective cooperative," in which he consults principal players for feedback on program questions, giving each of them a chance to give their input. The camaraderie among the members, who at their most complete are 70 members and range in ages 20s to 84, "is a great feeling," said Fleary.

The 45th season is titled "A Sapphire Celebration" because the music chosen is a reflection of the

among others.

"I strongly encourage" locals and young artists, says Fleary who recognizes the importance of fostering a love of music in young people. "I embrace having them to come and play with us."

Usually, the symphony presents music of winners of an annual composition festival sponsored by the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association. The students get to hear their works performed by the symphony in concert after being professionally orchestrated.

Jeanne T. Faubell, who has been playing violin with the symphony since 1997, says that working with a conductor on Dingwall Fleary's level is a privilege.

"He is a wonderful coach and instructor, with a warm, funny personality, and I have learned so much about orchestral playing and music generally from playing under his tutelage," said Faubell.

Erika Shuster, 76, a McLean resident who attends the symphony's annual holiday concert looks forward to the sing-alongs and says the performances are "so good."

For more information on the symphony, visit www.mclean-symphony.org or call 866-811-4111. Tickets for the Dec. 18 event are as follows: students, \$15; adults, \$25; seniors, \$20; children 12 and under are free.



Maestro Dingwall Fleary conducting McLean Symphony.

gemstone it is named after, "brilliant and precious," according to the symphony's press release.

Guest vocalists include Soprano Karin Paludan, a Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Award winner from McLean, and Baritone Bryan Jackson, who has made a series of principal debuts at the Washington National Opera,



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Closing Notice

MCC and The Old Firehouse will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday.

Happy Holidays!

from the Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center.




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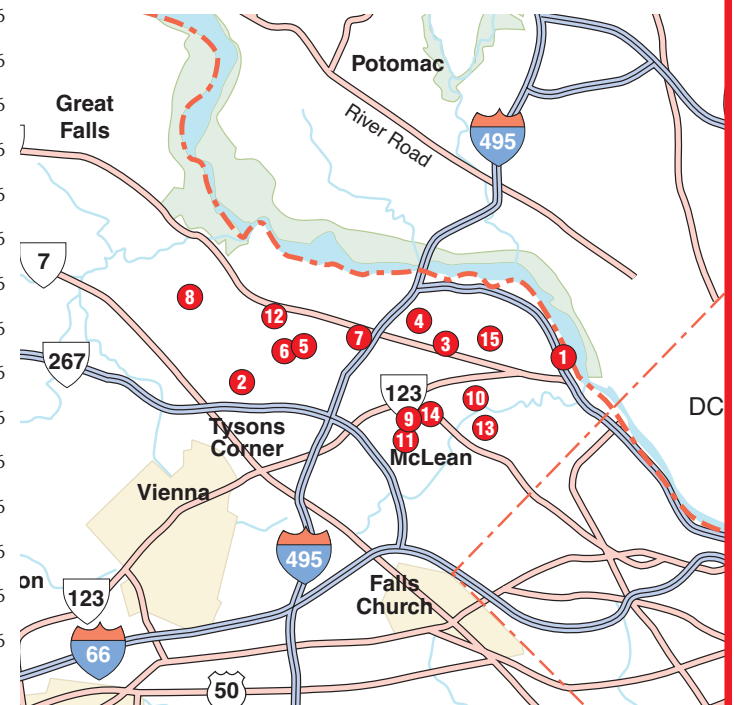
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HomeLifeStyle

The changes increased natural light. A south-facing trapezoidal-shaped window in the dining room provides a hilltop view of the neighborhood.

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GREG HADLEY



Open Floorplan Eases Entertaining

Open house helps homeowners looking for ideas.

BY JOHN BYRD

It's one thing to talk a good game; quite another to put your ideas to the test by inviting a long list of perceptive critics to inspect your wares.

"We like to see how well our plans work first hand whenever we can," Bob Gallagher said, as he describes a holiday tour his home remodeling firm held at one of this client's homes last Saturday.

"Our designers spend a lot of time conferring with clients on specific needs and learning from case histories — but what really counts is seeing your plan in action. A holiday tour is a test drive, but it's also a chance to explore ideas, brainstorm on breaking trends — and just enjoy being around people who are enjoying what we create."

Case in point, the Arlington home of Steve and Louise Brooks.

Two years ago, the Brooks hired Sun Design to convert the primary living area of their raised rambler into space that would serve a multitude of purposes, including a place for frequent gatherings of friends and family.

Last weekend, the remodeler hosted an open house for anyone who wanted to see how their freshly-minted new space plan would perform under real life home entertainment conditions.

There were about 50 visitors in all. Standing in one corner, one could see fluidly organic pockets of revelers — but all flows smoothly, a far cry from the past.

In the past, one's guests were usually in another room.

The original small kitchen with its adjacent living room and dining room actually felt crowded whenever the head-count exceeded six or seven.

The eight-foot ceiling and small-scale windows didn't help either; ditto, the "builder grade" interior finishes and restricted space-use options.

"We're a host site for our church, so we wanted a place that would allow us to comfortably meet with friends," said Louise Brooks. "We just weren't at all sure how to make that happen within our existing floor plan."

Fortunately, Gallagher and team knew the way. In fact, Gallagher notes that there's been something of

a revolution in how homeowners are now configuring living space: Emergent interior design styles now allow for well-articulated activity zones integrated into a visually distinctive spatial continuum. "The end result feels generously-sized, yet unified."

To effect the changes Brooks sought, Sun Design concentrated on strategic improvements inside the envelope of the existing structure: a nearly 800-square-foot great room was formed by eliminating walls separating the kitchen, dining room, living room and foyer; to create the 14-foot cathedral ceiling, the new interior incorporated a seldom-used attic.

A granite-surfaced food preparation island and dining counter now facilitates the easy circulation needed for entertaining; the "built-in" was custom-designed to support a wide-range of storage, cooking and clean-up requirements.

The plan also increased natural light. A south-facing trapezoidal-shaped window provides a hilltop view of the neighborhood. Distinctive finish work details delineate key activity zones within a warmly cohesive ambiance that features sight-lines in all directions.

Meanwhile, back at the tour, Bob Gallagher is talking to a drop-in guest about how the new space is used on an everyday basis.

"It works extremely well," he said. "The open plan allows people to happily pursue different tasks within the same continuum without loss of personal space. You have privacy, but you're in eye-contact. It's a very popular trend."

Gallagher also stresses the value of an open house to homeowners looking for ideas.

"We've been doing tours of newly remodeled homes for about 10 years," he said. "We've found that the open houses often become neighborhood meet-up opportunities where people naturally start exploring matters of mutual interest."

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm recently has a second office in McLean. For information, call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

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Supervisors Establish County's First Police Civilian Review Panel

As complement to Police Auditor, panel will review abuse and misconduct complaints.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 on Tuesday, Dec. 6 to establish a Civilian Review Panel to provide oversight of Fairfax County Police and to hear complaints of police misconduct or abuse of authority.

The independent panel was one of the more controversial of the 142 recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission created by board chairman Sharon Bulova in 2015. The commission, with representatives from law enforcement, the media and the community at large, was set up in response to public outrage over lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the 2013 shooting death of unarmed Springfield man John Geer by Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres.

From the Ad Hoc Commission's Use of Force Subcommittee, chairman Phil Niedzielski-Eichner said the Dec. 6 vote was a "tremendous accomplishment" and another opportunity to reinforce the major process the police department and government are undertaking to improve.

"I see what we're doing today as taking another step in making a great police department even better," Chairman Bulova said, "[being a] model for the nation, continuing to improve community policing and enhance trust between the community and police department."

Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin Roessler said in an interview after the vote he's not concerned about the cost of the panel, the caseload or officer morale, issues raised by Supervisor Pat Herrity, the lone vote against the proposal.

"I'm very proud of Fairfax County today," Roessler said. "It showed how a community, political leaders and a highly engaged police department can work together to create more transparency and accountability."

FAIRFAX COUNTY will have a civilian review panel for police oversight, but will that body have the teeth to regain public trust in law enforcement and local government? Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) proposed an amendment that would have given the Panel more investigative power.

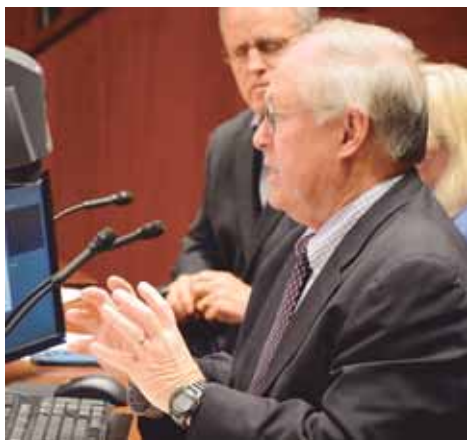
"While we have had some challenges in the past, the absence of the receptivity to the concerns of the community, has been the biggest burden of what we had," Hudgins said Tuesday, Dec. 6 before she joined the board in voting in favor of establishing a nine-member police review panel comprised of citizens. The panel will have the authority to review completed FCPD investigations into citizen complaints of abuse or misconduct by Fairfax County police.

After reviewing the investigation, the panel would report to the Board of Supervisors with essentially a rating of how well they think it was executed. The panel could, as supervisor and Public Safety Committee



Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 in favor of establishing a nine-member independent police review panel comprised of citizens.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION



Ad Hoc Commission member Adrian Steel offered suggestions for how civilians with potentially new information in a case could be informed of a police civilian review panel hearing and systematically present their materials, such as video evidence.

chairman John Cook (R-Braddock) said, "send it back to be done better, say it was done great, say it was done horribly, and pass that information to us and to the public."

What that body would not have the authority to do, and what Hudgins said concerns her, is conduct independent investigations, take sworn testimony or compel officers named in complaints to appear and take part in public hearings with the complainant.

"Are those the limitations we want to exist under?" Hudgins asked prior to the vote. "We will learn very quickly, if we move forward, that it is going to be something that is lacking. We need to be prepared to address it."

Hudgins alluded to the last several years, a period that included the 2013 fatal shooting of Springfield resident John Geer by Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres and subsequent public outcry.

"We were unresponsive before," Hudgins said. "It was a very, very difficult environ-



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) was the lone dissenting vote; Herrity did vote in favor of establishing the auditor.

Issues Before Panel

Examples of citizen complaints against police officers that could be directed to the civilian review panel:

- ❖ The use of abusive, racial, ethnic or sexual language;
- ❖ Harassment or discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age, familial status, or disability;
- ❖ The reckless endangerment of a detainee or person in custody;
- ❖ Serious violations of Fairfax County or FCPD procedures.

ment to live in. Citizens felt we were not listeners, were not engaged."

State law limits the authority of a panel such as the one proposed to conduct investigations or take sworn testimony, and the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission did not propose that panel would conduct investigations.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) said he was similarly frustrated with the limitations like Hudgins, but said the less than ideal solution still enables citizens to be engaged.

"The most powerful thing we're doing today, ensuring people are heard," he said. "[That's the] core of my support for this."

The commission also recommended creating a Police Auditor office. This full-time county government position with a small

staff would be able to monitor investigations and review complaints concerning the use of force or police-involved shootings. The supervisors adopted that recommendation in September this year and said they have since begun advertising for candidates.

"I am proud of how far we've come in implementing recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Commission, and establishing this Panel represents a significant milestone," Bulova said in a statement following the vote.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) was the lone dissenting vote and has previously voiced his support for the auditor but not the panel.

"I see it as duplicative in a time when we've got resource issues," he said. "It makes us the only jurisdiction in Virginia with two review boards."

The auditor, approved by the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 20, will review all use of force incidents that result in serious injury or death, as well as other citizen complaints about police use of force not resulting in serious injury or death. In addition, the auditor could engage in policy and practice analysis, as suggested by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive or Chief of Police.

BY CONTRAST, the civilian review panel would "review completed police internal administrative investigations of civilian complaints concerning allegations of abuse of authority and serious misconduct."

At the Oct. 25 meeting, Cook specified the civilian review panel would not conduct investigations. Rather, the panel would review investigation files and decide whether the police's own review was "well done, not well done or needs more work," Cook said. If the panel determines more work is required, the panel would be able to send the issue back to the police.

The fiscal impact of the panel is up in the air, according to the board's agenda item. Though the panel members will be volunteers, they will be supported by the Auditor's staff and the county expects there to be other undetermined costs of time from FCPD, the County Attorney's Office, independent counsel and other required materials.

Herrity said he was also critical of "a number of issues with the implementation and the terrible impact on the morale of our great police department which keeps us the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country."

Unlike Hudgins, Herrity said he really hasn't heard from the community "that we have a significant issue here."

Panel members will be selected by the supervisors from across all Fairfax County magisterial districts. Cook said that could take place as early as the spring.

The final version of the board's action item will be posted online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2016/dec-6.htm.

NEWS

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Supervisors Honor Highlander Marching Band

Supervisor John Foust congratulated the McLean High School Highlander Marching Band during the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 6 for winning two US Bands competitions on Saturday, Oct. 15. The 160-person marching band and color guard won the competitions with its show called "Story of My Life." Throughout the show, a narration of a grandmother reading a letter to her grandchild explores the concept of love over the course of one's life. The band was under the field direction of Drum Majors Will Glembocki, Alonso Flores-Saez and Nour Khachemoune. The program was under the direction of Chris Weise and Deidra Denson.

PHOTO BY LAURA SHERIDAN/WOMAN'S CLUB



50th Holiday Homes Tour

A ribbon-cutting ceremony kicked off the McLean Woman's Club's 50th annual Holiday Homes Tour on Dec. 1 at Trinity United Methodist Church, in McLean, the location of the "MarketPlace" fundraiser that was part of the tour. Honorary Tour Chairperson Carole Herrick cut the symbolic ribbon with the help of Tour Chairman Kathryn Mackensen, as Club President Joan Morton, Tour Co-Chair Michelle Arcari, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and others awaited the start of the event.



Woman's Club of McLean Recognized

Supervisor John Foust recognized the Woman's Club of McLean for the 50th anniversary of its Annual Holiday Homes Tour during the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 6. All proceeds of the tour were donated to local charities.



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Presenter Tony Buzzelli, former vice chairman of Deloitte, and 2016 Washington Business Hall of Fame laureate Gary Tabach, Junior Achievement board member and managing partner of Deloitte in Greater Washington McLean-based office.

Four Inducted Into Washington Business Hall of Fame

The 29th annual Washington Business Hall of Fame benefiting Junior Achievement of Greater Washington was held on Nov. 30, at the National Building Museum. Dubbed the "Academy Awards of Business" for the DC region, approximately 1,200 attended the black-tie event which was founded by Greater Washington Board of Trade, Junior Achievement of Greater Washington (JAGW), and Washingtonian magazine.

A record more than \$1.3 million was raised for Junior Achievement of Greater Washington with proceeds benefiting JA's innovative financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship K-12 programs designed to inspire the next generation to navigate their own path to the American dream.

JAGW President and CEO Ed Grenier said: "The time to come together as a community to systematically make sure our young people are truly prepared to adapt and excel within this evolving world economy is right now." JA and JAGW are leading "a movement to transform education, to create opportunities, to fuel a generation of thinkers, creators, doers, dreamers, leaders, innovators." And "that's a big job. And it's a job JA is proud to take on."

Four laureates were inducted into the Washington Business Hall of Fame and honored for their professional and philanthropic contributions to the Greater Washington region, including Gary Tabach, managing partner, Greater Washington, Deloitte & Touche LL, McLean-based office, as well as: Diane Hoskins, co-CEO, Gensler; Tony Nicely, chairman and CEO, GEICO; and Kenneth Samet, president and CEO MedStar Health.

They join more than 100 laureates, all of whom have shaped the regional landscape and demonstrated the following characteristics: outstanding business accomplishments; visionary, innovative leadership; integrity and strong core values; and passionate community engagement. View their bios at www.washingtonbusinesshalloffame.org.

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No Urge

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



It's not often; heck, it's extremely rare, that I don't write a cancer column, as I call them. And my reaction to not having the 'urge' to write yet another cancer column is, somewhere between simply taking a break/brake in the action and having no need to impose my cancer-centric self-indulgence on you faithful readers.

I'll be the first to acknowledge that I write these columns because I need to, and because I'm allowed to; thank you Mary Kimm. Not that the related purpose is to avoid therapy (however, I did go on a handful of appointments with a psychologist but it seemed pointless and especially so, when the therapist expressed that she felt I was fairly well-adjusted). Ergo, I really didn't see a purpose per se.

Oh sure, I will admit that the writing of these columns gets out of me some very personal and occasionally painful prose outlining the anxieties and fears of a cancer patient undergoing life-sustaining treatment that is better out than in, if professionals are to be believed. And maybe I'll further acknowledge that, based on feedback I've received in the six-plus years that I've been writing them, that the content is, generally speaking, much appreciated (I'm not ready to characterize them as having served a greater purpose/been for the greater good however, because it's only me I'm writing about and there's a much bigger world than what I perceive in my head) and helpful. Nevertheless, I can't imagine that it's just me I'm writing about, mostly; and a la Las Vegas, sort of: in that what happens to me only happens to me. Hardly.

Just because I've made public something very personal and presumably private doesn't make me the go-to-guy for cancer chat, it just makes me a person willing to open the doors wider than are typically opened. So what? A little honesty never hurt anyone; self-indulgence though, can be really boring and tiresome. (I mean, sometimes, too much of a good thing is simply too much. To quote my deceased mother: "It's enough already.") And as much as I'm cognizant of possibly droning on and wasting what attention-span you've allocated in my direction, I am trying not to drone on and trying not to lose you in the process.

Possibly there is a means to my hopefully-not premature end. Perhaps admitting the error of my ways and/or addressing the cancer concerns as I regularly do has contributed/caused my rather unexpected (based on my oncologist's original "13 month to two-year prognosis from FEBRUARY 2009) living "unexpectedly." Perhaps laughing in the face of danger extends one's life more than giving in to it. All I know is, whatever I've done/been able to do emotionally was not/has not been thought out. I've just continued to be me, myself and I — which has included my weekly cancer columns. Moreover, the three of us, collectively, have likely survived for so long because so much that could have bothered us/me, didn't.

Whether it was the outlet I had/have in my column, my personality, encouragement from family and friends, or my connection to The Connection, there's no way to know. What I do know is, the weeks when I don't write a cancer column are my favorites. Those are the weeks when I feel that cancer doesn't have a hold on me and in turn, I feel that I have a hold on cancer. And if there's one thing us cancer patients want to feel, it's control. Even if it's only for a week or two, here or there, the benefit is exponentially greater than the time we actually get to experience it.

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