

Fairfax County Health Department Division of Environmental Health employees Adrian Joye (left), environmental health program manager, and Pieter Sheehan (right), director, speak at the Great Falls Citizens Association Environment, Parks and Trails Committee meeting Monday evening discussing stormwater management, sewage systems.

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Comstock Sworn-In To The 115th Congress



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U.S. Rep Barbara Comstock (R-10) being sworn-in to the 115th Congress.

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (R-10) issued the following statement on being sworn-in to the 115th Congress. This will mark the start of Comstock's second term representing the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District:

"We live in exciting times for our region, where the innovation economy is constantly evolving and growing. I look forward to working in the new Congress with my colleagues to forge pro-growth policies that will boost the innovation economy even further. The passage of the 21st Century Cures

Act in the last Congress has provided a strong foundation for innovation within the medical community as well. Our region is home to accomplished medical research facilities like Inova's Schar Cancer Institute, and I will work with these research facilities as the 21st Century Cures Act gets implemented, in hopes that exciting new cures are developed right here in Northern Virginia.

"Over the past two years I had the honor of visiting over six hundred local businesses, technology companies, schools, rotaries, charities, and many other different groups in Virginia's 10th Congressional District and I look forward to visiting with even more of my constituents in the new year. By talking with constituents on a daily basis, I get a better understanding of their issues and how to make Virginia's 10th Congressional District an even better place to live.

"As always, constituent service will be one of my top priorities, the same way it was for my predecessor Congressman Frank Wolf. Serving the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District every day in Congress is a privilege, and I look forward to continuing to serve them in the 115th Congress."

Virginia's 10th Congressional District stretches from McLean down to Manassas and Prince William County and out through Loudoun, Clarke, and Frederick Counties to the West Virginia border. Comstock served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; the Science, Space, and Technology Committee where she chaired the subcommittee on Research and Technology; and the Committee on House Administration in the 114th Congress. Committee assignments have not yet been announced for the 115th Congress.

WEEK IN McLEAN

'Arts Night Out' on Jan. 26

The New Dominion Women's Club will be hosting "Arts Night Out" on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at McLean Project for the Arts (MPA). Come enjoy a night out surrounded by great art and great people. Sip some wine, eat some tasty bites and bid on the silent auction. MPA Exhibitions Director, Nancy Sausser, will guide us through the artwork on exhibit with an insightful Art Talk at 7:45 p.m. All proceeds from this benefit will be donated to local charities. The event will be held at MPA in the McLean Community Center located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information and to order tickets visit www.ndwc.org.



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NEWS

Great Falls Grange Revisited

Community groups coming together to take over operations of the historic building.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

A coalition of community members are working to take control of the Grange Hall and Old Forestville Schoolhouse at the Great Falls Grange.

“Great Falls doesn’t have a gravity point,” says Jorge Adeler, owner of Adeler Jewelers in the Great Falls Village Centre. “It doesn’t have a place that unifies the community ... Great Falls never has enjoyed a place that we can call ours.”

Adeler is spearheading the coalition of community members who are forming a nonprofit organization, the Great Falls Grange Foundation, so the community can have more control of the buildings.

“The purpose is to create the heart of Great Falls where we will have arts, music, entertainment, fairs, civic activities, children’s activities and things that could be truly beneficial for the entire community,” Adeler says.

The nonprofit is working to form a partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority, which owns the historic property. The nonprofit will comprise these member organizations:

- ❖ Amadeus Concerts, Inc.
- ❖ Arts of Great Falls
- ❖ Great Falls Business and Professional Association
- ❖ Great Falls Citizens Association
- ❖ Great Falls Friends and Neighbors
- ❖ Great Falls Garden Club
- ❖ Great Falls Studios
- ❖ Optimist Club of Great Falls

*Traveling Players Ensemble

The nonprofit will also be supported by the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department and the Great Falls Library.

After four years of talking about the idea amongst community members, Adeler and all the parties finally gathered in person at the end of the year to hash out an agreement. The talks were paused for the holidays, but will continue this month.

“There is still work to be done by both the community group and the Park Authority,” says Judith Pedersen, a spokesperson for the agency. “We still anticipate that we’re moving forward and that sometime mid-year, we hope, we’ll have everything in place.”

The county will retain ownership of the building, but the parties—the Great Falls Grange Foundation; Supervisor John Foust, Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and the Park Authority—are still negotiating other logistics.

A significant portion of the negotiations are determining the responsibilities and costs of running the



The Grange Hall was built in 1929. The Grange and its grounds were sold to the Park Authority in 1981.

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The Old Forestville Schoolhouse dates back to 1889. It was originally a one-room schoolhouse, but in 1911 it doubled in size when the Floris Elementary Schoolhouse was moved from its location in what is now Frying Pan Park and attached to the west side of the building.

venue. It costs the county approximately \$12,000 per year to pay for maintenance materials, labor and the mowing of the grounds, according to Pedersen.

Though the parties are close to reaching a final memorandum of understanding, these negotiations have been years in the making.

Since 2014, \$342,000 worth of improvements have been made to the site to make it compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Before these improvements, both the building and the grounds were inaccessible to residents with disabilities and difficult to access for many elderly residents.

To make the Grange Hall comply with ADA access guidelines, a unisex bathroom and vertical platform wheelchair lift and its associated electrical upgrades were added. Improvements were also made to the parking areas and walking routes around the entrance of the building.

“We could not have done that without the support of Supervisor Foust, who really helped us to get the money we needed to do those improvements, which made it accessible,” says Pedersen. “That was the beginning of the positive things that are happening now.”

It is expected that the Great Falls Citizens Association in conjunction with Supervisor Foust will collect feedback from the public about the nonprofit and the use of the buildings before the agreement between the parties is finalized.

Preparing to Prosper in 2017

Q&A: Supervisor John Foust looks into year ahead.

Q: What are you looking forward to in 2017? Do you have any personal New Year’s resolutions for yourself, or major milestones you anticipate to reach?

A: My wife and I have already planned a family vacation to Scotland during the board’s August recess.

Q: What was the biggest lesson you learned in 2016 and how will you use it to your advantage in the future?

A: I continue to be impressed by how many people in the Dranesville District are anxious to get involved and contribute to their community. Through appointments to county boards, authorities, commissions and task forces, I will continue to make service opportunities available for our amazing volunteers.

Q: What are your 2017 priorities for the district (Great Falls and McLean) and why?

❖ Ensure that our excellent schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services are adequately funded to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

❖ Ensure that several important transportation projects that will help reduce congestion and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, such as Rt. 7 widening, the Jones Branch Connector and numerous sidewalk and trails projects move forward as quickly as possible.

❖ Continue efforts to revitalize downtown McLean and make it safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bikers.

❖ Keep the Lewinsville Center project on schedule to deliver senior housing, a new senior center and three day care centers for our community.

❖ Conclude the negotiations between the National Park Service and the Park Authority so the County can acquire Langley Fork Park and construct several new athletic fields.

❖ Work with the Park Authority to select a person or entity to enter into a long-term lease under the Resident Curator Program for the Turner Farm House.

❖ Work with the Park Author-



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)
PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN FOUST

ity and several community

groups in Great Falls to transfer the management of the Grange and Old School House from the Park Authority to a nonprofit group, to give the community more control and better access to the buildings.

❖ Continue to use my position as Chairman of the Board’s Transportation Committee and member of several regional commissions to advocate expansion of the American Legion Bridge as a regional transportation priority.

Q: What challenges will the district face and how will you work to get the communities through these challenges?

A: The Budget: The challenge is to adopt a budget that provides adequate funding for essential services including education, public safety and human services while controlling the tax burden on homeowners. As we struggle to maintain an acceptable level of services, we also face the need for substantial investment and re-investment in public facilities such as schools, stormwater management, parks and trails and sidewalks. Budgets should reflect a community’s priorities. As in past budget cycles, I will work with the community to determine how best to make that happen.

Tyson Development: The mixed-use transit-oriented development in Tysons is essential to the economic success of the county. However, it is important that we mitigate the impact of growth in Tysons on surrounding communities, like McLean and Vienna. I will continue to work to make sure the infrastructure, including roads, public buildings, parks and athletic fields are built in Tysons to serve Tysons.

In-fill Development: While reinvestment in our older House.

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neighborhoods is essential, infill development, in many cases, can have a negative effect on the character of the community. I will continue to work to ensure that the adverse impacts of infill development, like tree loss and storm water issues, are mitigated to the extent permitted under state law.

On all these issues, as well as other challenges that arise, I will continue to inform and solicit the feedback and help of Dranesville residents. This is a team effort.

Q: What opportunities lie ahead for the district and how will you help the communities seize these opportunities?

A: The successful completion of a number of the aforementioned projects are significant opportunities for our community: the revitalization of downtown McLean, Langley Fork, Lewinsville Center, Turner Farm House and the Grange/Old Schoolhouse will expand the number of athletic, social and economic opportunities for Dranesville residents. Construction of Phase II of the Silver Line is also resulting in opportunities to re-plan and redevelop the Dulles Rail Corridor into a vibrant, mixed-use, transit-oriented community.

Q: With the county budgeting process scheduled to be debated by the Board of Supervisors in the coming months, what is your strategy to ensure the district has the resources it needs, especially given that the meals tax referendum failed in the 2016 general election? How will public transit/schools be impacted?

A: The County must work deliberately to pursue economic opportunities and revital-

ization opportunities and to support and encourage a healthy partnership with the business community. As chairman of the county's Economic Advisory Commission, I will continue to work with county staff, the Economic Development Authority, businesses and nonprofit groups to implement the numerous recommendations of the Strategic Plan to facilitate the economic success of Fairfax County.

The county is also undergoing a multi-year review of its Lines of Business (LOBs). Phase I, which was collecting feedback from residents on county services, was completed last year. Phase 2 will soon begin and will focus on the programs and services to be reviewed for improved efficiency and effectiveness. This will lead to the board's approval of a sustainable financial plan to invest in the county's future success. I intend to form a Citizens Advisory Committee to evaluate and make recommendations on the LOBs and to hold public meetings to hear from residents on their priorities and cost-savings ideas.

Q: Is there anything else you want your constituents to know about the year ahead?

A: First, I hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year. Second, I encourage everyone to find a way to get involved to make our community better. There are many ways to help, from coaching a youth sports team, to serving on the board of a homeowners' association, to delivering meals on wheels. Government cannot do it alone. We all need to pitch in to help keep Dranesville an excellent place for people to live, work and play.

—FALLON FORBUSH



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OPINION

About the Great Falls Connection

Happy New Year. We need your help in 2017.

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If you know people or organizations doing important work, something newsworthy or something that might make a good feature story, let us know.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished a feat like running a marathon or having an art show.

We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. Send a photo and tell us about it in 200 words or less to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

We feature events in our weekly calendars. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. To have the best chance of getting an event included in our calendar ahead of time, email us the details of the event (who, what, where, when, why) three weeks ahead of time. Email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

After your event, email us a photo and a note so we can consider including it in our coverage. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

Of course we are interested in your news tips and your questions about what is happening in your community.

We are always looking for contributing writers and photographers.

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The publications and websites have won hundreds of awards for news and community coverage just in the past few years, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Integrity and Community Service for coverage of efforts to prevent and end homelessness, and Best in Show for information/art for coverage of local parks.

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THROUGH JAN. 18

Community Forums on

Superintendent Search. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), the firm hired by the FCPS School Board to conduct a search for a new superintendent to replace Karen K. Garza, will be holding ten community forums in January to allow Fairfax County residents to share their ideas and feedback on the characteristics they are seeking in a new superintendent. Meetings in our area include:

% **Wednesday, Jan. 11,** noon, Providence District Office and Community Center, multipurpose room 2, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031.

% **Tuesday, Jan. 17,** 11 a.m., Herndon Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, VA 20170.

% **Tuesday, Jan. 17,** 7 p.m., Stuart High School Little Theater, 3301 Peace Valley Lane, Falls Church, VA 22044.

% **Tuesday, Jan. 17,** 7 p.m., Chantilly High School Lecture Hall, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151.

% **Wednesday, Jan. 18,** 7 p.m., Langley High School Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101. An online survey will be posted on www.fcps.edu on January 9, which will allow community

members to submit their opinions electronically. Additional information on the superintendent search will be posted online as it becomes available. Interpreters will be available at select locations to be determined.

ESL Calendar Announcement for St Mark's Catholic Church Vienna

9970 Vale Rd. Classes: On Tuesdays & Thursdays, from January 17 - March 16, 2017. English classes from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Citizenship, Writing, and Conversation from 7 to 7:45 p.m., same days.

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SUNDAY/JAN. 15

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TUESDAY/JAN. 17

Great Falls Senior Center Monthly

Event featuring Mary Ann Jung, award-winning actress, Smithsonian scholar, writer and director, performing as Julia Child, American chef, author, and television personality who brought French cuisine to the American public. Jung researches and writes her own scripts and performs in the authentic costumes and accents of the characters' eras. 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The event is sponsored by the Great Falls Area Ministries. Light refreshments will be served and space is limited. Contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or 703-759-4345 to RSVP. For more information about the GFSC, visit <http://www.gfseniors.org/>.

FEBRUARY

Free public service seminars -

-Decluttering: Feb. 2, McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean.
-Aging in Place: Feb. 8, Falls Church H.S., 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church.
-Downsizing: Feb. 14, Marshall H.S., 7731 Leesburg Pk., Falls Church.
-Retirement Communities Feb. 22, Madison H.S., 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna.

For more information and seminar registration go to RetireeRealEstate.org, or call 703-772-3033.

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Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs.** For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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U.S. Air Force Airman Eric J. Kim graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is a 2014 graduate of Langley High School, McLean.

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.

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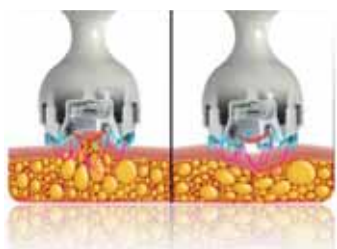


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This new home office by Anthony Wilder Design/Build incorporates a custom-designed cord control system.



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Storage solutions such as those in this office by Megan Padilla help make home offices aesthetically appealing.

Organizing a Home Office

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether located in a basement, spare bedroom or kitchen corner, one of the keys to creating a functional home office is organization. Local designers offer suggestions for styling a space that is both practical and aesthetically appealing.

“Start by thinking about how you would like to use your home office and plan accordingly,” said Megan Padilla, senior designer at Aidan Design. “Will it be a desk that easily converts to a homework station or craft area or a dedicated home office for the everyday telecommuter?”

Keeping office equipment out of sight will give the space a home-like feel, says Padilla. This can be accomplished by using storage solutions like printer drawers.

Design ideas for workspace order.

Practical home office organizational solutions include roll-out trays for computer accessories like printers and a wire management system above and below the desk for power cords and computer cables both on top of the desk, advises Chuck Khiel, vice president of Fred Home Improvement, a division of Case. “Create a Bluetooth operational office space,” he said.

“Organizing all of the smaller office supplies can be accomplished with a series of coordinated containers for tools such as

pencils, scissors and markers ... or within drawers,” added Padilla. “Consider a mix of drawer heights to allow ample storage for smaller desk supplies as well as your typical file folders.”

Use open shelving to allow for quick access to frequently used items and book storage. “[It] can also make a smaller space feel more expansive,” said Padilla.

If a home office is in a spare bedroom, closets can be repurposed and organized to hide copy and fax machines, says Shannon



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Making McLean Homes Tour, MarketPlace a Success

Partial listing of McLean Woman's Club members who contributed their efforts to the 2016 Holiday Homes Tour and MarketPlace. From left — first row: Club President Joan Morton, Barbara Hartsell, Linda Regan, Daisy Logan, Kay Burnell, Rosalie Donnelly, Peggy Puritano, Helen Bowers, Anne Kanter, Jackie Armstrong. Second row: Carol Danzeisen, Millie Thompson, Carol Scott, Laura Sheridan. Third row: Bea Somovigo, Grace Harkins, Dawn Schulz, Mary Flanagan, Cecilia Glembocki, Emma Lea Moorman, Sally Margolis, Jeanette Calland, Rebecca Horahan.

Tysons Tower to Be Renovated

Love Funding, one of the nation's leading providers of FHA multifamily, affordable and healthcare financing, announced the closing of a \$19 million loan that will help preserve and refurbish an affordable senior housing community in Vienna.

Tysons Tower was built in 1976 by The Fairfax Education Association Retirement Housing Corporation (FEARHC) to provide affordable housing for senior residents. Part of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) affordable housing stock, the property was in need of major facility upgrades and its existing rental assistance contract was set to expire in 2017. FEARHC wished to ensure that the 274 units continue to be reserved for those aged 62 or older and who earn 80 percent or less of the area's median income.

Love Funding Director Ann Bolen was able to secure the new loan through the VHDA, after securing a commitment from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program for a new 20-year Project Based Rental Assistance (PRBA) contract on 100 percent of the units. A large share of the proceeds from the new



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A \$19 million loan will help preserve and refurbish this affordable senior housing community in Vienna.

loan will finance a host of property improvements, including a new roof, heating and air-conditioning systems, windows, elevators, and interior unit renovations, among other improvements.

“The closing of this loan signifies a new beginning for Tysons Tower,” said David Newcome, senior vice president with Polinger Company, which manages the property. “It's a testimony to the dedication Fairfax Education Association Retirement Housing Corporation continues to exhibit in fulfilling its mission of providing quality affordable housing in one of the nation's most expensive real estate markets.”

For more information visit www.lovefunding.com.



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Organizing small office supplies, like this one by Aidan Design, can be accomplished with a series of coordinated containers for tools such as pencils, scissors and markers.

“Custom built-ins make a huge difference [because] you can tailor the storage space to individual needs and create more functional spaces.”

— Shannon Kadwell, Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

Kadwell, interior designer at Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

“Add fabric bulletin boards in prominent locations and in a complementary color for

visual appeal,” she said. “Custom built-ins make a huge difference as you can tailor the storage space to individual needs and create more functional spaces.”



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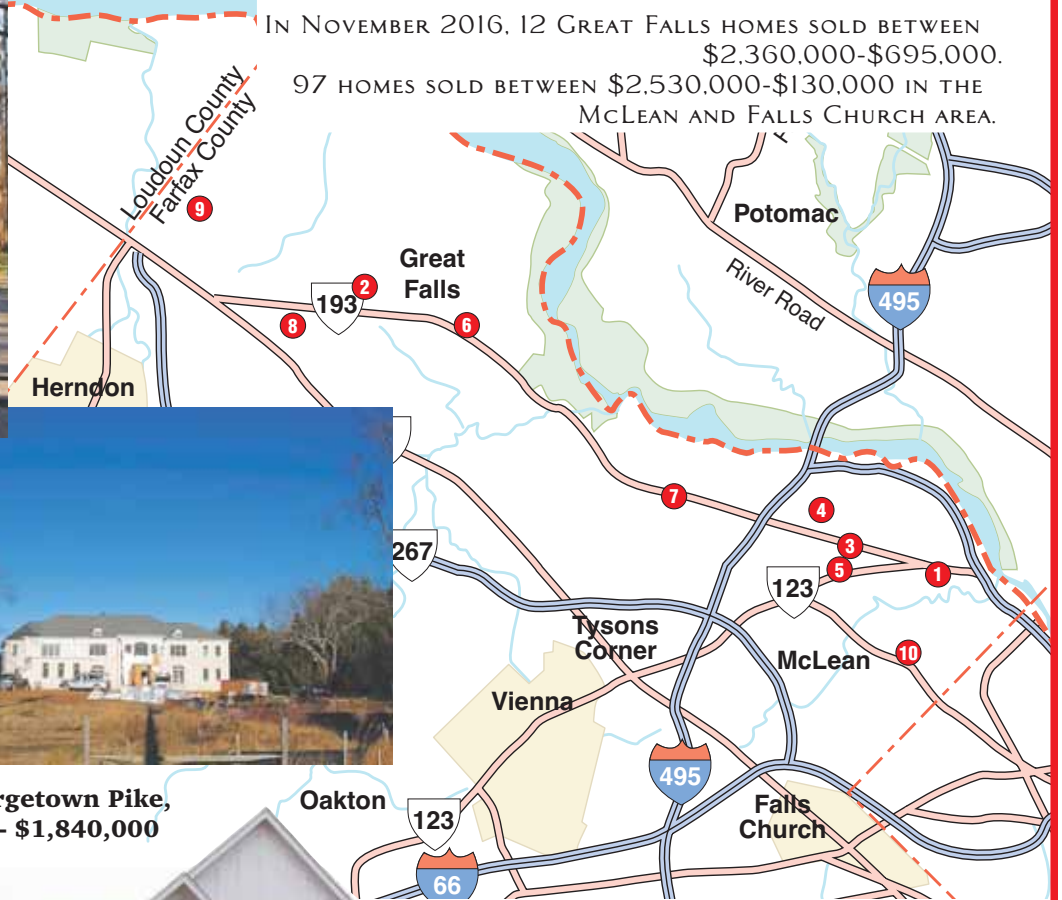
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NEWS

Speakers Share Sewage Stats

Great Falls Citizens Association Environment, Parks and Trails Committee discusses stormwater management.

Up to 167 homeowners in Great Falls are on the hook for following a Fairfax County Health Department regulation when it comes to monitoring their septic systems, but many are unaware.

"At some point, [every septic system is] going to fail and collapse and you're going to have a problem," Adrian Joye, environmental health program manager for the agency's Division of Environmental Health, said during a Great Falls Citizens Association meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, in the Great Falls Library.

According to him, as part of the state's alternative onsite sewage systems regulation that took effect in 2011, all homeowners with alternative septic systems must have them inspected once a year.

And not just any vendor can conduct the inspection. It must be completed by a Department of Professional Occupational Regulation approved Alternative Onsite Sewage System Operator, says Joye.

THOSE WHO FAIL to do so can be fined for each day their system is not in compliance. The first offense is \$50 and the second offense is \$100. Although each day constitutes a separate offense, the agency can only assess a charge once every 10 days, up to a maximum of \$3,000, Joye says.

In Fairfax County, there are 22,000 onsite septic systems that are not connected to the county's utility systems. Roughly 12 percent are in Great Falls, where there are 2,400 conventional systems and 167 alternative systems.

There are currently 92 systems that are not in compliance countywide, according to Pieter Sheehan, director of the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health.

"The issue of having a fine ... because you didn't have your system checked annually is not going to solve an overarching problem of public health. We do not want to all the systems to fail and give out tickets," Sheehan said during the meeting. "The penalty system is one tool in the box of our regulatory tools, but it's the least one that we want to depend upon. What we want to do ... is how do we get folks

to understand the complexity of these systems, what they're buying when they purchase them, and then what can we do as a public health agency to educate folks about this stuff and that's key."

Since the Great Falls community is a rural area of the county that relies on more than 3,400 wells, the GFCA has developed an interest in stormwater management. This interest is what prompted the group to invite the agency to speak at its Environment, Parks and Trails Committee meeting at the Great Falls Library on Monday, Jan. 9.

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over land surface. When a community adds roads, driveways, parking lots, buildings and other surfaces that prevent water from soaking into the ground, the volume of runoff increases. This runoff is swiftly carried to local streams, lakes, wetlands, rivers and groundwater wells in rural communities. The problem is that stormwater runoff also picks up and carries with it many different pollutants that are found on paved surfaces such as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, oil and grease, trash, pesticides and metals.

THE GFCA was intensely engaged in opposing the Brooks Farm development proposal in 2015 and 2016 because of the potential negative impact the development and its new homes could have on the rural community's wells and watershed, according to Bill Denk, co-chair of the GFCA's Environment, Parks and Trails Committee. The group even created a Stormwater Management Taskforce to combat the proposal.

While the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the development last July, the GFCA made sure the final proposal planned for stormwater runoff from the site.

The group plans on conducting a stormwater study of the county to see how new and existing developments are keeping up with the county's stormwater management regulations. Its Stormwater Management Taskforce will be enlisting other organizations to join the effort so that it can begin implementing the study in March.



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THURSDAY/JAN. 12

SCOV Open House/Registration Day 10 - noon Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. There will be an open house for Seniors at the Winter semester of Adventures in Learning. The eight week session will begin January 19th and run through March 16th from 9AM to 2PM. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are unable to attend the open house, you may view the schedule of interesting classes and registration form at <http://www.scov.org/ail-open-house> and mail the form to us at any time during the term. There is a \$40 registration fee for the semester, take as many or as few classes as you wish. 703-281-0538

MPA Opening Exhibition Reception 7 - 9 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. There will be new exhibitions Opening January 12 Exhibits feature 3 local artists; showcase construction work, sculptures and monoprints. The exhibits will be in the Emerson, Atrium, and Ramp Galleries. www.mpaart.org

"Brush Up Your Shakespeare" 7:30 p.m. \$5/\$3 MCC tax district residents.

Experts from the Shakespeare Theatre, American Shakespeare Center and the Folger Shakespeare Library are back to give you a guided tour of the world of Shakespeare in preparation for American Shakespeare Center on Tour's Shakespeare Weekend at The Alden.

SATURDAY/JAN. 14,

Barter Theatre "The Ugly Duckling" 1 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. \$15/\$10 MCC tax district residents. For ages 4+. It's hard being different. When a strange egg shows up in Mama Duck's nest and hatches, a very ugly duckling is born. After many failed attempts to "fit in," the ugly duckling sets out on a journey to find his true place in the world. He soon realizes that he must learn to love himself before he can discover who he really is. There will be a duck petting zoo before the show.

"The Giver" Barter Theatre 4 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. \$15/\$10 MCC tax district residents. For ages 9+. Jonas' world is under control and safe. There is no war or fear or pain. There are also no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. But when Jonas turns 12, he is chosen for special training from The Giver—to receive and keep the memories of the community. Now Jonas will learn the truth about life—and the hypocrisy of his safe world. Through this astonishing and moving adaptation, discover what it means to grow up, to grow wise; and to take control of your own destiny.

SUNDAY/ JAN. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at The Alden Center: Chuck D 2 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. Best known as leader and co-founder of the legendary rap group, Public Enemy, Chuck D redefined rap music and hip hop culture with the release of Public Enemy's explosive debut album, "Yo Bum Rush The Show," in 1987. Speaker subject to change. Cost: \$20/\$10 MCC tax district residents. Visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

TUESDAY/JAN. 17

Great Falls Senior Center Monthly

Still Life Exhibit by Coty Dickson at Great Falls Library

Coty Dickson will be exhibiting her oil paintings in the Great Falls Public Library Small Conference Room during January, February and March 2017. Titled "Still. . . But Vibrant!" the exhibit will highlight a selection of colorful still life paintings. An opening reception is planned for Feb. 2, 6-9 p.m. in the library's Large Conference Room. The public is invited to attend. Dickson is a member of Artists on the Green (AOTG) a local art cooperative located in the Great Falls Village Centre, 776B Walker Road. Additionally, she is a member of Great Falls Studios, a consortium of 118 artists living or working in Great Falls. Examples of her work can be viewed at her website: www.coty dickson.com. The Great Falls Public Library is located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call 703-757-8560 for hours of operation.



Event featuring Mary Ann Jung, award-winning actress, Smithsonian scholar, writer and director, performing as Julia Child, American chef, author, and television personality who brought French cuisine to the American public. Jung researches and writes her own scripts and performs in the authentic costumes and accents of the characters' eras. 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The event is sponsored by the Great Falls Area Ministries. Light refreshments will be served and space is limited. Contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or 703-759-4345 to RSVP. For more information about the GFSC, visit <http://www.gfseniors.org/>.

Auditions "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" 7 - 8:30 p.m. Students ages 10-16 who reside within the MCC tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville) are invited to audition for this musical, based on the book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. To reserve an audition time, contact Alden Youth Programs Director Danielle Van Hook at danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 18

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Duangrat's Thai, 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. Patrick Lucas of the Fairfax County Police Crime Prevention Unit will speak. Cost of the luncheon: \$22. To R.S.V.P. for the luncheon, e-mail Gloria Cohan, gloriacohan@gmail.com by January 12. Prospective members are invited. www.McLeanNewcomers.org

SATURDAY/JAN. 21

Shakespeare's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" 2 p.m.; Live music at 1:30 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. When long-distance love tangles the heartstrings of the play's title characters, it takes two clever women, a pair of devoted servants and a dog to make things right. Shakespeare tries out some of his most popular ideas for the first time in this early comedy. \$35/\$25 MCC tax district residents.

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" 7:30 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave.

McLean. With its ravishing language and uproarious comedy, "Romeo and Juliet" celebrates love's triumph and its trivialities. Verona's walls embrace the volatility of youth as well as the wisdom and restraint that often escape young and old alike. Admission: \$35/\$25 MCC tax district residents

SUNDAY/JAN. 22

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" 2 p.m.; Live music at 1:30 p.m. The Alden 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A moving look at life in the small town of Grover's Corners, "Our Town" examines what it means to grow up. Through three acts: "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage" and "Death and Eternity," Thornton Wilder studies the deeply personal yet remarkably universal lives of the Webb and Gibbs families. This poignant American tale explores friendship, love and death, but most importantly, what it truly means to live. Admission: \$35/\$25 MCC tax district residents. ASC Ticket Package: Purchase tickets to all three plays and a pre-performance seminar, "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. for \$88/\$60 MCC tax district residents.

ONGOING

Ongoing Contemplative Candlelight Service St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. One mile east of Beltway Exit 44. Experience God in word, chant, and silence and pray by lighting a candle. www.stjohnsmclean.org

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NEWS

'Hungry Hearts Tour' Comes To McLean

American Shakespeare Center to present three plays at Alden Theater.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

An Alden Theatre audience favorite, Virginia's American Shakespeare Center (ASC) is returning.

"Our patrons ask us to bring the ASC back again-and-again." said Sarah Schallern, performing arts director, McLean Community Center. What is so special about ASC performances; "they hark back to when Shakespeare's plays were first performed."

ASC's "Hungry Hearts Tour" will be coming to the Alden for weekend of three different plays; Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," The Bard's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "Romeo and Juliet." These plays "speak to everyone; the messages never get old as we focus on the language and its beauty," said ASC tour manager Thomas Coppola.

For those less familiar with the three ASC productions; "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is a delicious tale about a long-distance love that takes two clever women, several devoted servants and a dog to make things right. There are jealous lovers, a cross-dressing heroine, even a daring escape.

The bittersweet "Romeo and Juliet" has star-crossed lovers, ravishing language and a searing finale. The play has words of wisdom aplenty along with comic wit. Wilder's "Our Town" is a poignant look at life in small town America as its citizens grow, marry and pass away. The show examines how life flows for individuals and the community.

"We have a unique performance style designed to be seen, heard and felt," said Thomas Coppola, ASC tour manager. "Not only will twelve actors be performing the many characters in the plays, but some audience members can be seated on the stage close to the actors and the action."

Coppola also noted that In Shakespeare's times his plays were performed under the sun or using candles.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BAILEY/COURTESY OF MCC

Romeo and Juliet in American Shakespeare Center's production of 'Romeo and Juliet.'

Where and When

American Shakespeare Center's "Hungry Hearts Tour" performing William Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona," "Romeo and Juliet" and Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Performances are Jan. 21 & 22, 2017. "Romeo and Juliet," on Saturday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m., "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m. and "Our Town" on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m. For each performance the doors open and pre-show music starts 30 minutes before the performance. Tickets \$35/\$25MCC tax district residents. Tickets: visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123.

At the Alden there was no special theatrical lighting used for the productions; ASC will use only the regular Alden venue lights.

A distinct feature for this year's ASC tour deserves mention. ASC will help place a homeless dog with a family. Working with the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, the Alden and the ASC will "audition and then cast a canine actor for a role in "Two Gentlemen of Verona," said Schallern. "The dog will then become available for adoption."

"The core idea of the acting troupe is to directly engage the audience to create an actor/audience bond," said performer JC Long. "We aim to create a living, breathing performance not just an academic reading. Our aim is to enthrall audiences."

p.m. The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The admission fee is \$2 per person. Children age six and under are admitted free. Buy treats to eat on site or stock up for Valentine's Day. Featured on the Festival Stage will be performances by Ukulele Phil and the Hula Kids at 1:30 p.m., and bluegrass music by Mike Mitchell and the Wildman's at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Ongoing demonstrations of colonial American chocolate-making will be presented by American Heritage, a Mars company. There will be plenty of free parking. www.mcleanchocolatefestival.org

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/FEB. 3-19

McLean Community Players "Company." 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. A 1970 musical comedy based on a book by George Furth with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The original production was nominated for a record-setting fourteen Tony Awards and won seven. \$25/\$23 MCC tax district residents. Visit <http://www.mcleanplayers.org/>.

Great Falls Plan Ahead

FRIDAY & SATURDAY/JAN. 27 & 28

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SUNDAY/JAN. 29

The Sixth Annual McLean Chocolate Festival, 1 a.m. to 5

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Slippery Hope



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When you're diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer, you spend a lot of time talking to yourself, not aloud; well, mostly not aloud, trying to convince yourself of a million and one things that don't lead to that inescapable conclusion: premature death (I know, any death is premature). And when you get sick, as I am now and have been for the past 10 days; not getting worse, just not getting better; it is, at least for me, not only next to impossible, but impossible as well, not to think that perhaps this is the time when you have crossed the Rubicon.

Though what I am referring to are merely/mostly cold symptoms: sneezing, coughing, runny nose, nasal congestion, watery eyes, occasional headache; no temperature or sore throat, no vomiting, no nausea; it's easy to rationalize that I am simply experiencing a severe seasonal reaction to some strain of something which is, if what I hear from friends and family is true, something which is definitely going around. However, that assessment would presume I'm a relatively normal person, 'normal' meaning not a person diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer. Ergo, the conversations me, myself and I are constantly having with ourselves.

And though the answers rarely change (always minimizing, never reinforcing a negative, accentuating the positive), I have to admit the longer I live through these blips on the radar, the less conviction I am able to sustain in my ongoing attempts to talk myself into or out of, whatever the case may be, the challenges emotionally and/or physically, that characterize one's life living with cancer. And believe me, 'living with cancer' is all it's cracked up to be, and I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, nearly eight years in fact, post my Feb. 27, 2009 face-to-face appointment with an oncologist; my new best friend, who lowered the diagnostic boom to Team Lourie that day.

I think I can say with some certainty that the one constant in my life these past eight years has been the many conversations I've had with myself. Trying to maintain an even keel; heck, any keel that would keep me emotionally afloat. Obviously, encouraging and supportive words from others have filled many gaps, but there are way more gaps when I'm alone that need to be filled. Reading, writing, 'rithmetic, radio, television and the Internet, fill some and provide distraction for others, but still there are many more times when you're left alone with your thoughts; when the rubber really hits the road and somehow you must get through the night or the post-chemo weak or the before, during and after "scanzxiety" and navigate the slings and arrows of the outrageous misfortune which has befallen you.

Mostly I have been successful. Occasionally though I have been depressed. Occasionally I have felt lonely. Occasionally I have felt out of control. And more than occasionally, I have just plain worried. Like now, when I'm sick and tired and wondering if persistent cold symptoms portend the beginning of something worse. After all, I do have lung cancer so any breathing-related and/or coughing problems could indicate an exacerbation of my underlying condition, or so I would guess.

Ah yes, guessing. That's perhaps the real problem. How do you stop yourself from going down that rabbit hole, especially when you've already quadrupled the back end of the number of years: two, offered up by your oncologist eight years ago? I don't suppose I could experience a normal life expectancy after being given a terminal diagnosis. Could I? I guess it's possible. Probable? I wouldn't know. However, there's no harm thinking about it. Except if you're thinking about it all the time.

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

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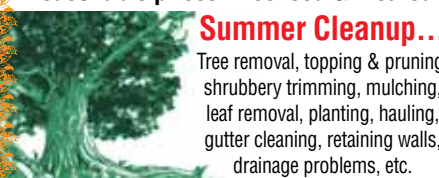
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Bob Nelson (left), a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Great Falls, and World War II Veteran Howard Jester, 90, participate in Military Appreciation Monday on Jan. 8 at the Old Brogue.

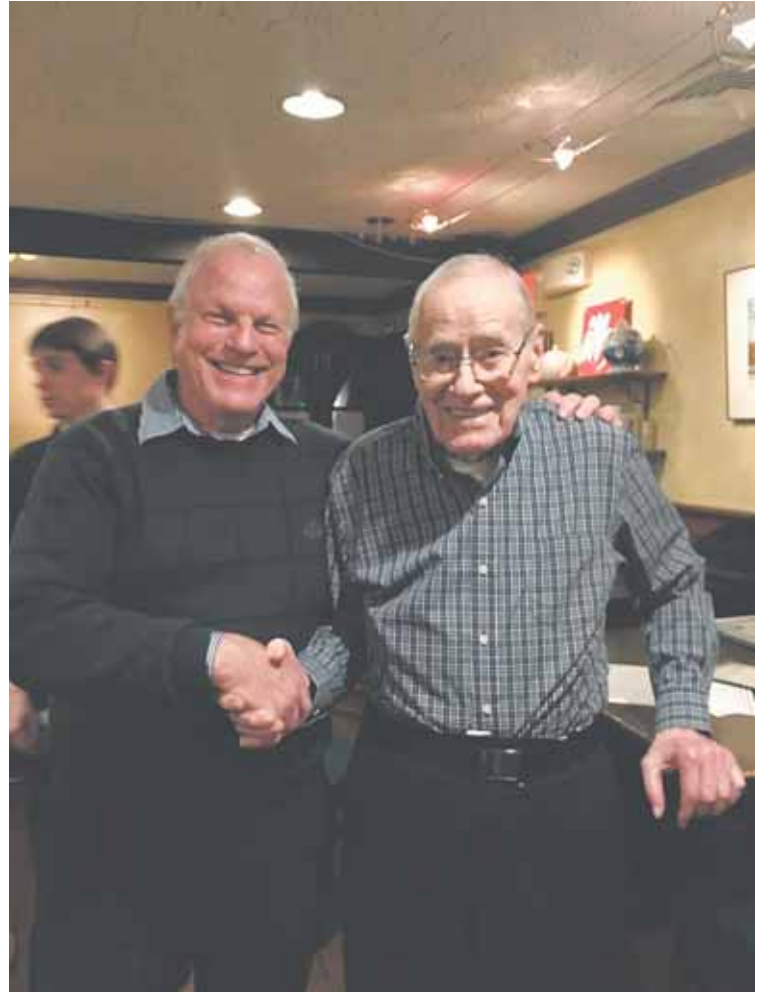


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Supper is Served in Support of SEALs

For the last eight years, Bob Nelson, a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Great Falls, has been organizing Military Appreciation Monday. The monthly fundraisers benefit military support organizations and groups. This month's MAM dinner on Monday, Jan. 8, was at the Old Brogue Irish Pub in the Great Falls Village Centre, where World War II Veteran Howard Jester, 90, was in attendance to support this month's beneficiary organization: The Navy SEAL Foundation. The organization provides immediate and ongoing support and assistance to the Naval Special Warfare community and their families. "Navy SEALs spend up to 270 days away from home each year and execute many of the toughest missions," Nelson says. "They and their families make many signifi-

cant personal sacrifices, and sometimes they have paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedom." Nelson is still tallying the evening's fundraising total, but the MAM dinners often raise between \$5,000 and \$7,000. This is done through the host restaurant donating a portion of the evening's sales and through selling raffle tickets for items donated by various businesses in the community. The February MAM dinner will be held in support of Dare to Dream, a therapeutic horseback riding program for injured veterans and their families. The Brogue hosts the dinners the second Monday of every month at different restaurants in the community. Those who wish to dine at the meals are encouraged to make reservations for either the 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. by calling 703-759-3309.

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The S.P.O.T for Youth Wednesday's at 7 p.m. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible studies take place Tuesday's at noon.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring Street SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time in the fellowship hall, 11 a.m. Traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

Youth Activities at Wesley United Methodist Church Activities are open to all 6th-12th graders. Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10:00am in the Upper room.

Youth Bible Study will meet every Sunday at 4:30pm off-site. Following bible study we will ride together over to the church for youth group. Email the Youth Ministry Staff for the address if interested!

The Anchor meets every Sunday from 6pm-8pm in the fellowship hall. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and diving deeper into the Word!

During the summer, Youth Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9:00am in the Upper room.

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