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Bill Smith and Bob Baldwin, McLean Farmers Market managers, call themselves the "Dynamic Duo." During the May 12 market, Smith and Baldwin took a moment to pose with Lyn Phipps, from McLean, and owner of Lyn Phipps Plants. Phipps said that she grows all her plants in her 30 x 40 home garden and greenhouse.

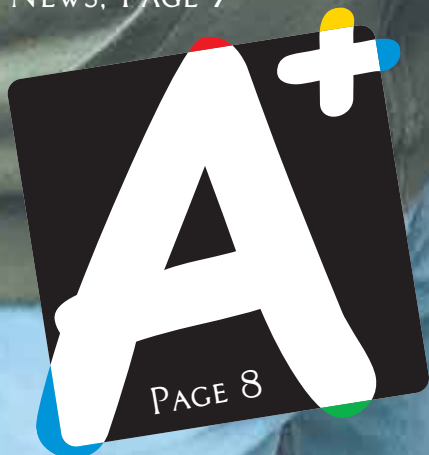


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McLean Farmers Market Is Go-To Source for Foodies

Farmers, area residents forge strong relationships.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

With more than 30 years of continuous operation, the McLean Farmers Market is one of the longest running markets produced by Fairfax County Park Authority. It is located at 1659 Chain Bridge Road and is open 8 a.m.- noon, every Friday now through Nov. 17, except for Friday, May 19 when it will be closed for McLean Day set up.

The market is tucked away within Lewinsville Park and is surrounded by trees. For families with small children as well as one-stop shoppers, the public setting is perfect. Injie Wakil from Alexandria is a McLean Farmers Market vendor; she owns The Jammerie. "It's beautiful here. The market reminds me of Parisian markets, quaint and lush," she said. "It has everything you'd ever want without walking a million miles."

On Friday, May 12, 17 vendors delighted shoppers by offering a variety of products displayed in abundance. Tables in the open-air market overflowed with locally grown mainstream and heirloom produce, farm fresh eggs from free-range chickens, grass-fed meats, organic baked breads and homemade quiches, as well as potted herbs, flowers, and other plants.

Bill Smith is one of the two McLean Farmers Market managers there to oversee the weekly operation. Smith reported the McLean market featured three new vendors—Hidden Creek Farm, Layla's Lebanese Restaurant, and Om Lassi. The vendors offered many new products.

Hidden Creek Farm is a woman-owned 250-acre conservation farm in Fauquier County. Like all other providers selling at Fairfax County Farmers Markets, Hidden Creek Farm's business location is within the 125-mile radius requirement. They sold only products they grew, raised or made themselves. Produce was non-GMO and chemical free. Specialties included Asian vegetables and value-added products such as no-fuss bread and cake mixes, low-sugar jams and jellies, soups, and dilly beans.

The second new vendor at the McLean Farmers Market was Layla's Lebanese Restaurant, a family-owned and -operated business from Alexandria and Woodbridge. Since owners, Michael and Mathil Chebet had established a loyal customer base at their restaurants; they sought an opportu-



PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION
During a pause in sales at the McLean Farmers Market on Friday, May 12, Andrea Young, fellow vendor and owner of Hidden Creek Farm in Delaplane, Va., sampled Om Lassi's Artisanal Peanut Butter from Susan Sather and Radhika Murari co-owners of Om Lassi in Reston.



Bonaparte Breads, Inc. from Savage, Md. offered a selection of hand-prepared French pastries, croissants, inch-tall quiches and artisanal loaves of bread made with organic flour at the May 12 McLean Farmers Market.



Norma Graves from McLean was looking for basil to make pesto to use on salads and pizza. Graves had high praise for plants from Sharkawi Farm in Broad Run. "My oregano from last year came back up. It's really good."

nity to expand the availability of their flagship products to customers in their own neighborhoods. The Chebets applied to become vendors at select Fairfax County markets, including the McLean Farmers Market. On Friday, in a cold rainy mist, they sold container after container of three types of hummus — classic, black bean, and sautéed beef and pine nuts, each made from fresh local ingredients.



Sabray Alsharkawi of Broad Run displayed a jar of his Mexican seasoning made from spices grown at his family-run farm, Sharkawi Farm: 2017 is Alsharkawi's 32nd year at the McLean Farmers Market.

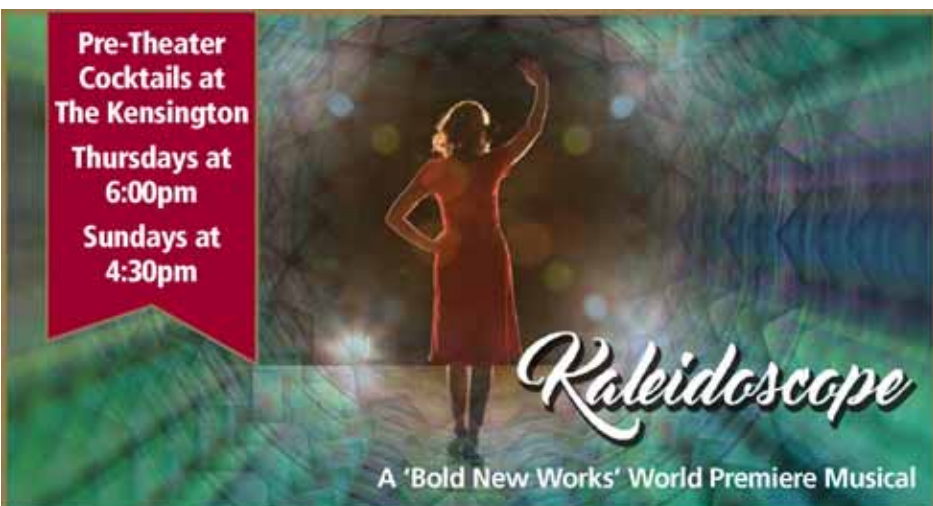
Om Lassi was the third new vendor at the McLean Farmers Market. Operated by Radhika Murar and Susan Sather of Reston, Om Lassi offered shoppers organic yogurt-based smoothies with very little sugar, artisanal peanut butters in five flavors, and baked samosas. When asked how long they'd been in operation, Sather said, "Today is our first day ever. We've been here 34 minutes. We've made quite a few sales in the half hour."

Bob Baldwin from Falls Church is the other half of the "Dynamic Market Manager Duo." When Baldwin was asked how his garden compared with what was offered here that morning, he said, "My garden doesn't compare with this. The market offers the best strawberries. I have no flowers and no herbs. In the high season, they have corn too."

Baldwin spoke about the dedication of many of the McLean Farmer Market vendors, how some of them must leave their farms well before dawn to drive two to three hours to set up before the 8 a.m. opening. One of those vendors was Lois Produce, LLC from Montrose Virginia, near the Northern Neck. Lois Farm is a 110-acre family farm owned by Gary Allensworth. It has been in his family since 1882. Lois Produce offered a large variety of mainstream vegetables and their specialty item, elephant garlic.

Baldwin also mentioned the long-term commitment of many of vendors who have been coming to the McLean Farmers Market, some for over 30 years. Lyn Phipps, owner of Lyn Phipps Plants, LLC was one of the three long-time standing vendors, along with Sharkawi Farm from Broad Run, and Lois Produce from Montross. Asked why she has continued to come for so long, Phipps said, "I enjoy coming to the market; my friends, the vendors are here, and my friends, the customers. It gives a routine to my life."

For more information on the 17 vendors at the McLean Farmers Market or about the Fairfax County Park Authority Farmers Markets visit fairfaxcounty.gov.



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NEWS

McLean High School Freshman Justin Young, 15, shows off his trophy for winning the 2017 Junior Varsity National History Bee on April 23.



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McLean High Student Wins National History Bee

BY FALLON FORBUSH
 THE CONNECTION

McLean High School Freshman Justin Young, 15, won the National History Bee, beating out his peers from across the country in the Junior Varsity Division.

Top history students from across the country gathered in Arlington from Friday, April 21, to Sunday, April 23, to compete in the 2017 Varsity and Junior Varsity National Championships of the National History Bee. After the three days of buzzer-based quiz competition, Young was named champion of his division.

"It's something that I started liking in elementary school," Young said. "I liked reading when I was younger, so I read many history books."

Young's favorite topic is World War II.

"There are huge amounts of books on WWII," he said.

THE NATIONAL HISTORY BEE is a buzzer-based history quiz competition for individual students. The high school level of the competition is split into two divisions: Varsity for juniors and seniors and Junior Varsity for sophomores and younger, including middle and elementary school students.

Students compete against each other in a series of rounds where they attempt to be the first to ring in and answer paragraph-

length questions about various topics in history.

Each correct answer results in one point. Competitors finish a round once they score eight points and are also eligible to earn up to seven bonus points based on how quickly they finished the round. At the state and regional tournaments, there are three preliminary rounds, which equates to 90 total questions, plus a final round for the top students to determine the champion.

Students who finish in the top half of the preliminary round totals qualify for the National Championships, which consists of six preliminary rounds of 35 questions, plus a series of three playoff stages to determine the national champion.

"Forty-six [playoff rounds] was when I reached 50 points," Young said.

Young ate a sizeable meal with his family at a nearby Ted's Montana Grill to celebrate his victory. Competition would begin early in the morning and last well into the night, so he had built up a champion-worthy appetite.

NEXT YEAR, Young hopes to form a team at the school to compete with him in the National History Bowl, which coincides with the National History Bee where teams of up to six students face off against each other.

Young also competed solo in the team competition, finishing in fifth place as a one-man team.

NEWS

Cooper Middle Hosts Quest Expo

Cooper Middle School hosted its Quest Expo on May 4. Quest was an extended learning opportunity for students to break out of their normal environment and use critical thinking and collaboration skills to produce a creative or service learning project. Seventh grade projects included: creating a yearbook of their life, a children's story book, an anti bullying theatre play, designing their very own shoe, battle recreation, gardening in the courtyard, etc. Eighth grade projects were service learning based and helped give back to the community. Students had time to show off their project to family and friends then go and view their own classmates projects.



Zoe Malekzadeh and Naomi Redd work on their garden pots for the public art Quest.

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Caitlyn Shumadine tastes the fresh garden herbs.

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The Ugliness of Prejudice

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



COMMENTARY

Last week without provocation a woman in the check-out line at a local grocery store told another customer — a Muslim woman — “I wish they didn’t let you in the country.” In the exchange that was recorded on a camera phone, the woman to whom the remark was directed explained that she had been born in the United States. Rather than leave it at that, the first woman went on saying, “Obama’s not in office anymore; you don’t have a Muslim in there anymore. He’s gone — he may be in jail in the future.”

I realize that there are more people than I would like to acknowledge that have strong prejudices against others because of their race, religion, ethnicity or other reason. It continues to shock me when I see the ugliness of the expression of such prejudices as the recording of this event provided. As the woman to whom

the remarks were directed pointed out, it’s abnormal to start a conversation like that with someone you do not know. There really is something wrong with people who are so blinded by their prejudices that they feel compelled to lash out at a person who has done them no wrong. The comments reflect a deep-seated hatred that comes out for reasons only a mental health expert could help discover.

What is particularly troubling these days is the blurring of the line between political convictions and prejudice toward individuals. In our deeply divided political landscape, too often political views become opportunities to demonize people who hold different views. Unfortunately talk radio, social media and some cable news shows tend to invite this destructive phenomenon.

In addition to the repulsiveness I feel about the hateful comments, I was also saddened that social media and news accounts described the

scene as a store in Reston, Va. I know from a lot of personal experience the amount of effort that so many people have made over the years to ensure that Reston is an open, welcoming and inclusive community. While I understand why the store did nothing to address the situation, I wish somehow there had been a disclaimer on the video: The woman speaking does not represent the views of the people of Reston.

The situation reminds us that building community is not a one-time occurrence, a workshop, or a feel-good session. Building a community of respect and love is an ongoing process that we work at a little every day. We greet those we meet; we hug each other; we attend each other’s houses of worship; we show respect to others; we speak out against hate and prejudices; we listen to each other. We use appropriate channels to discuss political views, and whether in person or online we stick to the issues and don’t resort to personal attacks.

A display of hateful and ugly prejudice as we have just witnessed must bring us together in mutual support and respect as we want Reston and every other community to display.

FCPS to Propose Increases in Class Sizes

BY MOLLIE REGAN

COMMENTARY

The lead-in for the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Proposed FY 2018 Budget states the following: “The FCPS FY 2018 (2017-18 school year) budget reflects the school system’s priorities. It’s also a communications tool that informs parents, staff members, students, and community members about our values and goals.”

If that is true, then why is FCPS proposing to balance its FY18 budget by increasing class sizes by 0.5 students in all elementary, middle and high schools?

Large class sizes have a negative impact on students’ ability to learn and succeed, and on teachers’ ability to teach. Large classes burn out good teachers and affect teacher decisions about whether to continue working at a school. Every time a good teacher leaves the employ of FCPS, we forfeit our investment in hiring and training that person.

In many recent meetings about teacher compensation, the School Board has expressed concerns about teacher attrition. In FCPS, we lose about 40 percent of our teachers in their first five years of employment, and we lose many more teachers after their fifth year. Class size is cited — both in FCPS and in a national study — as a top factor in teachers’ decisions to leave the school district.

At this critical time when we already suffer from teacher shortages and large class sizes, FCPS should not be considering additional class size increases as a means to save \$14.7 million. There are alternatives that could better address the FY18 budget gap. Some alternatives actually reduce expenses. Others just change budget assumptions.

For example, the School Board could cut \$15 million of other expenses with the understanding that in July, it would use the “found money” from the year-end FY 2017 budget review to restore those programs. This is exactly what the board did about six years ago, when Jack Dale was the FCPS superintendent.

Alternatively, FCPS could find \$14.7 million by using more realistic assumptions about employee attrition. Every year, FCPS prepares its budget using unrealistically low attrition assumptions, which in turn consistently produce about \$30 million/year of “found money” from higher-than-projected teacher attrition during the budget reviews.

Of course, if FCPS made a sustained commitment to reasonable class sizes, it could arguably avoid increasing the costs associated with that teacher attrition. Imagine the cost savings from retaining our teachers. What additional

innovations could be used to reduce the expense of endlessly restaffing our classrooms and training a new workforce?

The FCPS Strategic Plan, “Ignite,” affirms its commitment to student success and a caring culture. Seeing “Ignite” in action would mean that our School Board representatives resolve the FCPS financial shortfall without again balancing its budget on the backs of our teachers and students.

Class Size Counts created an

online petition asking the School Board not to increase elementary, middle and high school class sizes by 0.5 students across the board as part of the FY 2018 budget. Please sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/fairfax-county-public-schools-join-class-size-counts-to-oppose-the-core-academic-class-sizes-in-fcps> and join in the advocacy.

Mollie Regan is Vienna resident and a Class Size Matters advocate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Press Needed More Than Ever

To the Editor:

Dear Members of the Press: We need you now more than ever. Republican Congressmen Jason Chaffetz and Devin Nunes quit their positions as chairmen of Congressional committees rather than have to investigate General Flynn, the Russian interference with our national elections, and the Russian involvement with the Trump administration.

President Trump has fired New York’s U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, Attorney General Sally Yates and FBI Director James Comey, when they each turned up their investigatory heat. The American public is being given various explanations by various members of the Trump administration as to what’s going on. We

need you now more than ever.

Vice President Pence advocates for all of President Trump’s actions.

Attorney General Sessions refuses to recuse himself. The prospect for an Independent prosecutor is tenuous. I hope the Senate Intelligence Committee stays strong. But we need you now more than ever.

The President may call you names. He may call you “fake news” or “the enemy of the people.” But he can’t fire you. Thank goodness for the First Amendment. We need you now more than ever. Don’t let us down.

Barbara Glakas
Herndon





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From left are Christine Brennan; Faye Fields, president and CEO, Integrated Resource Technologies and Board Chair, GSNC; Caroline Brunner, and Lidia Soto-Harmon, CEO, GSNC.

McLean High Junior Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Caroline Brunner, a junior at McLean High School, was awarded her Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony on May 13 at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. Sports columnist Christine Brennan was the keynote speaker. The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through projects which

can be sustained within their community. Caroline's project is Music Connection, which connects student musicians with seniors in the McLean community through a series of concerts held at local retirement and assisted living facilities. Music can help stimulate the memory and has wonderful effects on the mind. See www.musicconnectionproject.org

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Safety in the Water

Water Safety Month designed to educate public in advance of summer swimming.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

During the month of May, National Water Safety Month, water safety educators are waging a month-long campaign to educate the public about responsible water practices before the start of summer. The campaign is designed to help prevent drowning and water-related illness and injuries.

“The most important tip from swim experts [is] to have your child in perpetual swim lessons,” said Gina Bewersdorf, who owns Goldfish Swim School in Reston. “Situations will always arise in which we or our children are around water, [like] at a friend’s pool party, vacation near a lake, or a boating trip, so learning the necessary skills to stay safe is vital. It only takes a second for a child or adult to unsuspectingly fall into a body of water.”

Constant adult supervision is the first and best way to prevent accidents in and around water, says Lisa S. Grepps, director, Marketing & Communications, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals in Alexandria. She also recommends additional safeguards to help prevent children from gaining unsupervised access to a pool or spa or to warn of a child’s presence. “But don’t get lulled



Learn to swim no matter the age. This is one of the best ways to be safer in and around the water.

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into a false sense of security with barriers and other devices as they are just backups to the primary means of accident prevention which is constant adult supervision,” said Grepps.

Keeping a cell phone nearby to make a call to 911 in case of an emergency and avoiding swimming at the first sign of bad weather are two tips that Ann Thompson of Ann’s Aquatics in Bethesda offers to her students and their parents. “I tell parents that certain flotation devices are great, but they are in no way a replacement for responsible adult supervision,” she said. “And the supervision should be undistracted.

Don’t get lost in a conversation or a phone call and divert attention away from your children, not even for a second. If you leave the pool area, no matter how brief the period of time, take the children with you.”

In addition to learning to swim, Bewersdorf recommends making sure that children are taught water safety skills as well as how to perform CPR on both adults and children. “We recommend a child enroll in swim lessons as early as possible [and] year round, not just during the warmer months. Persistent swim lessons are proven to be incredibly beneficial in order to keep these life-saving skills sharp” she

said. “We offer classes as young as four months old in which the parents are constantly with their infants. This gets the child used to simply being in and around water and they learn simple safety skills.”

When choosing a pool, check for an on-duty lifeguard. In cases where a lifeguard is not available, look for accessible safety equipment such as a rescue ring or pole.

“We want people to have a safe and fun time swimming and that’s why [we] issue permits to all public pool facilities and routinely inspect them to ensure they are being operated in a safe and healthy manner, in accordance with Fairfax County Code,” said Martin A. Thompson, Environmental Health supervisor for Fairfax County. “It’s also important that swimmers take steps to maximize the health benefits of swimming while minimizing the risk of injury or illness to themselves and others.”

Thompson advises adhering to other safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which include looking to see if the drain at the bottom of the deep end is visible, staying out of the pool if you have diarrhea, covering any open wounds with waterproof bandages, showering before entering the pool and only using flotation devices that are Coast Guard approved.

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THURSDAY/MAY 18

MPA Spring Art Benefit. The McLean Project for the Arts will host its annual Spring Benefit at the private residence of Pat and Matthew Bullock. Dr. Dorothy Kosinski, director, The Phillips Collection, will serve as the evening's guest of honor. Event chairs for this year's Spring Benefit are Jane A. Imperatore and Neda Yazdani. Visit www.mpaart.org or call 703-790-1953 for details.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

Bike to Work Day 2017. Registration — now open — is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first timers to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 16,000 to register and attend will receive a free t-shirt at one of more than 85 pit-stops throughout Northern Virginia. Participants can register online at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Email Megan Goodman at mgoodman@mwocog.org, or call 202-962-3209 for more.

Meet the Artist. 10 a.m.-noon at the McLean Art Society, Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Gavin Glakis, a portrait artist, will be the featured speaker. Call 703 356-0770 for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 20

Tennis Charity Event. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at McLean Racquet and Health Club, 1472 Chain Bridge Road. Many different events will be going on during the day including a Clinic and Happy Hour with Murphy Jensen, Stroke of the Day for Charity, Pro/AM Round Robin, Junior Tennis Championships and our Exhibition Match featuring Richey Reneberg and Murphy Jensen. All proceeds will go to McLean Community Foundation. Call 703-309-3468 or email Dancers1023@aol.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 21

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Orchestra with Jonathan Carney, violin. \$30. Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com for more.

MONDAY/MAY 22

Charitable Golf Tournament. noon at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Proceeds benefit Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary schools. Call



McLean Day On Saturday, May 20, McLean Day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Features live entertainment, carnival rides large and small, activities for children such as pony rides and face-painting, great music, food. Visit www.fairsandfestivals.net for more.



703-437-5222 or visit www.greatfallsgolf.org for more.

Dine and Donate. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza, 141 Park Street, SE, Vienna. Ledo's will donate 20 percent of total sales to the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Call 703-281-0538.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 24

Jammin' Juniors Concert. 12:30 p.m. at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Free. Farmer Jason is the brainchild of rock music legend Jason Ringenberg of Jason and the Scorchers. Call 703-790-0123 for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 28

Weekend Brunch and Cookie Class. 9-11 a.m. at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, McLean. Breakfast buffet, cookie decorating class and face painting. \$20. Call 703-442-9110 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

James Madison High School Jazz Ensemble. 7-9 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. The Jazz Ensemble musicians are Junior and Senior students at James Madison High School. Call 877-987-6487 or visit www.jamminjava.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Vendors needed. Call 703-281-4411, email office@oaktonbrethren.org or visit www.oaktonbrethren.org

Riverbend Park Benefit. 6-9 p.m. at the Riverbend Park Visitors' Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fundraiser for the benefit of Riverbend Park sponsored by the Friends of Riverbend Park. \$50 for adults, \$25 for children, \$125 for families. Register at www.forb.wildapricot.org.



I-66 Eastbound Connector Ramp to West Falls Church Metro Garage Fairfax County

Environmental Document Available for Review

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) plans to construct a new connector ramp from the eastbound I-66 Exit 66 (Route 7) on-ramp to the West Falls Church Metro parking garage. The project also includes auxiliary lanes on eastbound I-66 at Exit 66.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental document.

Review the CE at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-1929 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Submit your written comments about the CE to Ms. Halie Mitchell, Environmental Specialist, at the address above by **June 5, 2017**. You may also e-mail comments to Halie.Mitchell@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "I-66 Eastbound Connector Ramp" in the subject line.

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NEWS

Messengers of Peace

Cub Scouts and their families from Pack 1530 participated in the inaugural garlic mustard removal event on April 29 at Fairfax County Park Authority's newest Invasive Management Area (IMA) site called Difficult Run Stream Valley Park in the Miller Heights neighborhood of Oakton. These Cub Scout volunteers removed enough of this highly invasive plant to fill 20 large garbage bags. IMA is a volunteer-led, community-based program designed to reduce invasive plants on public lands. Cub Scout Pack 1530 is part of the Powhatan District of the National Capital Area Council and Vale United Methodist Church is its chartering organization. By participating in this conservation activity, scouts earned the Messengers of Peace patch.



As part of their study of the 50 states, third-graders at The Langley School in McLean reached out to small towns across America.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
Numerous envelopes and boxes have arrived at The Langley School filled with letters,

America Responds to Third-Graders at The Langley School

As part of their study of the 50 states, third-graders at The Langley School in McLean reached out to small towns across America, and they received a numerous responses. Each student researched a specific state and placed letters to the editor in local newspapers in that state asking residents to send items to help them learn more. Envelopes

and boxes from people of Alaska, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, West Virginia, and more have arrived at The Langley School filled with letters, postcards, maps, flags, pictures, jewelry, rocks, fossils, and souvenirs. Langley students have a more in-depth understanding of our country thanks to this project and the response of citizens.

BULLETIN

To have community events listed in the Connection, visit connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

* **The Lewinsville Senior Center** in McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Art, Self-Defense, Chair Exercise, Indoor Gardening, Basic Spanish, Basic French, Ballroom Dance and Basic Guitar.

THROUGH SUMMER

Vienna Street-sweeping Program. The Town of Vienna began its annual street-sweeping program beginning March 20. The Town is divided into eight sections for purposes of the sweeping program. During the first pass through Town, the Public Works Department asks that residents not park on the street. Find the "sweeping" sections at vienna.gov/sweeping. Additionally, signs will be placed on streets marking a window of 7-10 days during which the truck will come through. Contact public works at 703-255-6380.

THURSDAY/MAY 18

Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S. The North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will hold a general membership meeting, and Dr. Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, will speak about issues related to Tysons and future plans. Visit NEVCA.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

Great Decisions Discussion Group. 9-11 a.m. at the Vienna Seventh-day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Road SW. Designed by the Foreign Policy Association to bring people together in study groups to discuss, debate and learn about important global challenges of our time. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 20

Scream Free Saturday. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Screamfree Parenting gives you the tools to stay cool during life's challenging moments. Lunch will be provided. Free Screamfree Parenting book to the first 25 registrants. Learn strategies to become the cool, calm and connected parent your child really needs. Call 703-204-3941 for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 24

MCC Governing Board Monthly Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at MCC Administrative Offices, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. All meetings of the Governing Board are open to the public. Tax district residents (Dranesville District-1A) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the center at 703-790-0123.

THURSDAYS/MAY 25-JUNE 29

Chronic Disease Self-Management. 9-11:30 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente - Tysons Corner, 8008 Westpark Drive, McLean. Fairfax County is offering a free Chronic Disease Self-Management program. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/chronic-disease.htm or call 703-324-5489, TTY 711.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmaf.org. The Center's website is www.scmaf.org.

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New To Some, Old News To Others



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For those of you unfamiliar with my column: in Burke, Springfield, Fairfax, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, Mount Vernon and Alexandria, welcome aboard the Kenny train. I have been writing a weekly column for Connection Newspapers since December 1997 appearing primarily in our "Tuesday papers," as we call them: Vienna/Oakton, McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Oak Hill/Herndon, Arlington, Chantilly, Centre View and Potomac. The question has persisted among friends and family: Ken he continue to, as my older brother Richard jokes, "churn out this dribble?" Apparently so, if the last 19 and half years are any indication.

Back in the day when I first had to characterize my column for various local yearly Press Association editorial contests (of which I have won nearly a dozen awards), I would write "Everything in general about nothing in particular." A great friend of mine, Edward Faine, himself an accomplished author — of children's and jazz books, and a small press publisher as well, has described my columns as "Thoughtful humor and insightful commentary." Perhaps between these two quotes you'll get a sense of what you're likely to get from my weekly wondering.

And so it continued until June 2009. That's when I published my first column about a diagnostic process which had been ongoing since New Years Day which ultimately lead to a lung cancer diagnosis delivered to "Team Lourie" on Feb. 27, 2009 (you bet you remember the date). That column, entitled "Dying to Find Out, Sort Of," chronicled the process, excruciating as it was/is that one often endures attempting to determine the cause of a medical problem; in my case, a pain in my left-side rib cage which a day or so later, migrated to my right-side and eventually took my breath away — almost literally, especially when inhaling and/or bending over. This difficulty forced me off the couch and into my car for a drive over to the Emergency Room. Once the diagnosis was confirmed, I wrote another column entitled "Dying to Tell You, Sort Of" which detailed the findings of the nearly eight weeks the process took to specify my diagnosis: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Out of the blue, I had become "terminal," as my oncologist described me, and given a "13 month to two-year" prognosis to boot. Surreal, which is a common description offered by many in similar situations, is how one feels after receiving news of this kind, and only begins to tell the tale of the change and evolution in the individual's life living forward into treatment and subsequently beyond into the great unknown.

This 'great unknown' is mostly what I have written about and published ever since; "cancer columns" (original I know) is what I call them. Occasionally, I will write a non-cancer column, one a month or so, depending on my experiences. These columns will address non-cancer issues of the day, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. Most recently topics have included the movie "The Exorcist," "Exercising a Demon," paying for things with a credit card: "Credit the Card," reacting to advertising for grass seed and riding mowers: "And So It Begins," and buying in bulk: "Bulky Boy," but never/well, almost never do I write about my wife, Dina; I have been warned.

Though the recurring theme of these columns is cancer, the content is rarely morbid or dare I say, self-indulgent, believe it or not. I try to make fun a very "unfun" set of circumstances. I'm still writing about life; now however, it's life in the cancer lane, a road unlike any I had ever traveled before. Nevertheless, I've gotten through eight years and nearly three months of it relatively incident free, save for a week in the hospital three and a half years ago. And yes, I am still undergoing treatment.

I hope you readers will be semi amused at the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune upon which my columns are based. Please know: the significance of their content is not that it is me writing them, it is that cancer is being written about.

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



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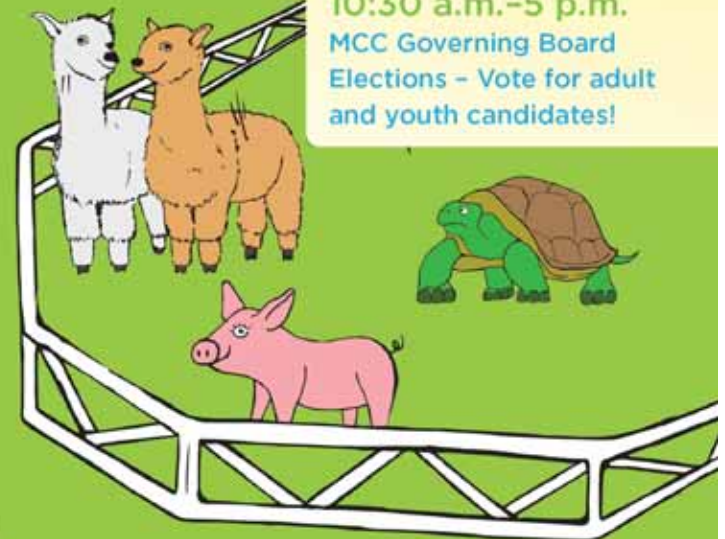
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Full Tilt is just one of the popular large amusement rides that can be enjoyed at McLean Day.



Carnival games.

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McLean Day — What You Need to Know Before You Go

Before bundling up the family and heading to Lewinsville Park for McLean Day, here's a breakdown of what festival attendees can expect. Produced by the McLean Community Center (MCC), the festival will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

Something Old and Something New

Now in its 102nd year, McLean Day began in 1915 when the McLean School and Civic League sponsored a festival to raise funds for school and community projects. Throughout the years, various community organizations kept it going, until MCC began producing it in the mid-1970s, and moved it to its current home at Lewinsville Park in 1988. Community support for McLean Day is as strong today and it was when it began.

McLean Day is Election Day

Twelve Dranesville District 1A residents are running for seats on MCC's 2017-2018 Governing Board. Six adults are vying for three adult seats and six teens are vying for two student seats (one for Langley High School and one for McLean High School) on the 11-member board. The election will be held at the park from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only district residents may cast votes. Absentee

voting is available through Wednesday, May 17. Voting instructions and candidate information are available online at the Center's website: www.mcleancenter.org.

Rides and More Amusements

The Zipper, Full Tilt and Pharaoh's Fury are just a few of the popular large amusement rides that can be enjoyed at McLean Day. Younger children can enjoy a "Kids' Way" area that features ticketed rides especially for them. There will also be several free games and activities all over the park, including laser tag, Bubble Ball, tennis clinics, a rock climbing wall, balloon animals and Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo.

For the Foodies

Food vendors Red Hook Lobster Pound, the Rotary Club of McLean, Crepe Love, The Big Cheese, Oasis Concessions and newcomer Ricksha Streetside Indian, will offer a wide variety of international flavors, such as Maine Lobster Rolls, sweet and savory crepes, Chicken Curry, along with the traditional hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, cotton candy and lemonade everyone loves. Two large covered tents with picnic tables are conveniently located close to food vendors. Three ATM machines will be onsite.

Stage Entertainment Abounds

McLean Day now has two stages



Boy and girl enjoying ride at McLean Day.

for entertainment—which means there is something for everyone! Burke & Herbert Bank is the presenting sponsor for the Main Stage whose performers include the U.S. Navy Band's Country Current, Capital Blend, Furia Flamenca and Four Star Combo. The Children's Stage will have performances by Step Afrika!, Robbie Schaefer, Synetic Theatre and Joy of Dance. The McLean Citizens Association Teen Award will be presented at 3 p.m.

Parking and Free Shuttle Service

Parking is not available at Lewinsville Park on the day of the

festival, so MCC strongly encourages participants to use its free shuttle service. Starting at 10:15 a.m. and running through 6 p.m., shuttle buses will run from the park to three satellite parking sites: McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road; Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.; and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road.

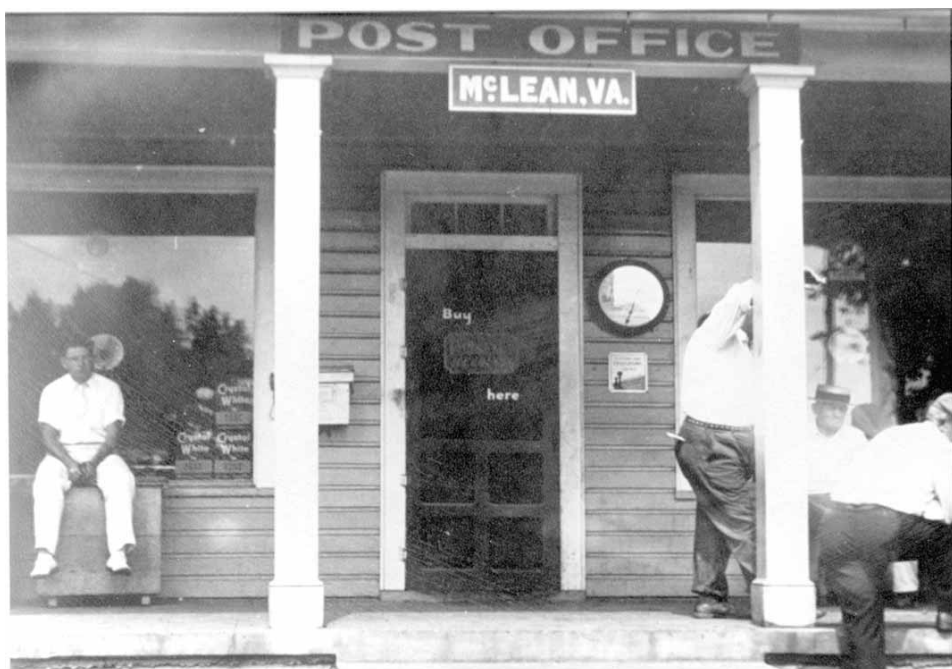
Let's All Have Fun

Alcohol, balloons, cigarettes and other controlled substances are not permitted on the park

grounds. Political candidates and other vendors must contain their activities to their assigned booths. Soliciting is not allowed on the grounds of the park during McLean Day. Patrons are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious activities to Center staff and Police and Fire personnel.

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center's telephone will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.

McLEAN DAY 2017



H.A. Storms' General Store and Post Office, corner of Elm Street and Chain Bridge Road.



Tysons Corner, Route 7 and 123, looking south to Vienna. Circa, 1935.

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Then & Now: From Small Beginnings, McLean Day Keeps Growing

McLean Day 2017 will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Lewinsville Park.

A community favorite, McLean Day features the best of what tradition and innovation have to offer. The small town feel of meeting your neighbors at the local park now goes hand-in-hand with digital sound and lights, food trucks and climbing walls. McLean Day 2017 will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd. Produced by the McLean Community Center (MCC), the event is free and open to the public.

In its 102nd year, the event now draws more than 13,000 people in a single day, which may be more than the number of

people who participated in the original week-long event. Established in 1915, McLean Day was the first festival of its kind to be held in Fairfax County.

The first McLean Day was a fundraiser for Franklin Sherman School sponsored by the McLean School and Civic League and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department. Over the years, attractions have included carnival games, a baby show, dancing, a baseball game between McLean and Falls Church teams, a jousting tournament, a horse show, auto racing, dances, a tug-of-war and homemade refreshments. This year's activities include state-of-the-art mechanical carnival rides, a climbing wall,

carnival games, Bubble Ball, Balloon Twisters, laser tag, tennis demonstrations, a petting zoo, live performances on two stages and a marketplace.

Politics has always been a part of McLean Day. In the early years, the festival was held on the Saturday preceding the Democratic Primary in August. Now, candidates from both parties actively participate each year.

In 1973, MCC cosponsored McLean Day with SHARE of McLean. The groundbreaking for the construction of the Center was also held that day. As this year's festival is being held, the Center's Ingleside Avenue facility is undergoing an 18-month renovation. Seems like "everything old is

new again" at McLean Day.

One element to McLean Day's lasting success has remained unchanged — an outpouring of community support at every level.

From the sponsors who provide additional funding to the nonprofit organizations who sign up for booths each year, to the patrons who come out for a fun day in the park, whatever the weather — this support has created the continuing relevance of this community festival.

The festival will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

Take a Shuttle to Lewinsville

Three convenient community shuttle stops for patrons make coming to McLean Day easier than ever.

McLean Community Center (MCC) is asking residents and others who plan to attend McLean Day 2017, on Saturday, May 20, to "leave the driving to us" to ensure they reach the festival safely and reduce traffic and congestion surrounding Lewinsville Park. Due to the renovation of its Ingleside Ave. facility, MCC will not run shuttles from that site. With the help of community partners, the Center has secured the use of three remote parking lots to run shuttles to and from Lewinsville Park, which is located at 1659

Chain Bridge Road.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. MCC Governing Board Elections will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taking a shuttle is the best way for patrons to get to the park, as parking is prohibited all day and parking on surrounding streets is limited. Fully ADA-accessible, the shuttles will be available from 10:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- ❖ Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, at the corner of Westmoreland and Chain Bridge Rd. Patrons should meet the shuttle at the front entrance to the church.

- ❖ McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, across from Franklin Sherman Elementary School and Langley Shopping Center. Patrons should meet the shuttle at the stop on Brawner Street.

- ❖ Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. Patrons should meet the bus at the church entrance.

For more information, contact the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

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Frozen Smoothies, Lemonade, Shaved Ice (Regular and Sugar-Free), Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Water.

Maine Lobster Rolls, Shrimp Rolls, Clam Chowder, Lobster Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Chips, Drinks, Whoopie Pies.

Popcorn, Corndogs, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, Soda, Water.

Chicken, Chicken & Egg or Mixed Vegetable Kati Rolls, Chicken or Vegetable Curry with Basmati Rice, Bread, Salad, Chicken Makhani (Butter), Mixed Vegetable Korma, Chicken Biriani, Cucumber Raita, Lemon Pickle.

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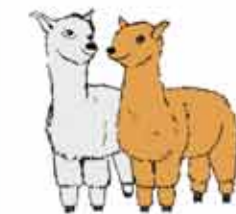
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- 11:15-12 p.m. The U.S. Navy Band
- 12:30-1 p.m. Capitol Blend
- 1:30-2 p.m. Furia Flamenco
- 2:30-2:50 p.m. McLean Community Interfaith Choir
- 3-3:50 p.m. MCA Teen Awards
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Four Star Combo

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Vote on McLean Day

McLean Community Center
Governing Board Elections
Saturday, May 20, from 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

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All qualified residents of Small District 1A
Dranesville are encouraged to vote for members
of the 2017-2018 MCC Governing Board.

- You need not be registered to vote in the general election.
- Proof of residence, such as a driver's license, is required.

Absentee Ballot

Vote now by absentee ballot and avoid the crowds!

You can view the candidate statements on the Center's website. Call the Center or send an email to "elections@mcleancenter.org" to request a ballot package be sent to your home. You may also stop by one of three MCC sites, 6631 Old Dominion Dr. and 6645 Old Dominion Dr. (McLean Square Shopping Center) or the Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., and pick one up. Completed absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 17**, to be counted.

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MCLEAN DAY 2017

Food Trucks Drive International Flavors Into Lewinsville Park for McLean Day

Freshly made Indian, French and American food will be just a few of the options available at McLean Day 2017. Risksha Streetside Indian, a new food truck by the same team that created the successful restaurants Crepe Amour, Tamarind and Amma Vegetarian Kitchen, as well as the Crepe Love food truck, will make its debut this year. It will join returning favorites: The Big Cheese, Oasis Concessions, McLean Rotary and Red Hook Lobster Pound. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. McLean Day is produced by the McLean Community Center; admission is free.



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Risksha Streetside Indian truck will make its debut this year.

At press time, food vendors participating are (in alphabetical order):

Crepe Love, LLC.

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Red Hook Lobster Pound offers Maine Lobster Rolls.

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Frozen Smoothies, Lemonade, Shaved Ice (Regular and Sugar-Free), Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Water.

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Crepe Love, LLC. offers sweet and savory crepes.

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Ricksha Streetside Indian

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The Big Cheese

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, including Goat Cheese Summer Tomato with Balsamic Drizzle, Cheese and Apple, Kids', and Watermelon-Feta Salad, Potato Chips, Gazpacho, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water. The festival will be held rain or shine. Voting for MCC Governing Board members will begin at 10:30 a.m. Parking will not be allowed at Lewinsville Park on the

day of the festival. Free shuttle buses will run from McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road; Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.; and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road and will drop off passengers at the entrance to the park. Due to the renovation of its Ingleside Avenue facility, MCC will not run shuttles from that site.

For more information, visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events or call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711. The Center's telephone will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.



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Burke & Herbert Bank Sponsors Main Stage.

Some of the area's most sought-after performers are coming to perform at McLean Day 2017. The event now features two stages: the Main Stage, which is being sponsored by Burke & Herbert Bank; and a children's stage with a variety of family-friendly options. McLean Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free and includes all onstage entertainment.



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The United States Navy Band Country Current.

The Alden Mainstage

Sponsored by Burke & Herbert Bank

Schedule subject to change. Times are approximate.

11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. — The United States Navy Band: Country Current

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass performed by the exceptional musicians of the U.S. Navy Band.



Capital Blend

12:30-1 p.m. — Capital Blend

This all-female a cappella group sings "Pitch Perfect"-esque arrangements of your favorite pop tunes. They've performed everywhere from the streets of D.C. to national television ("Full Frontal with Samantha Bee").

1:30-2 p.m. — Furia Flamenca

Experience the passion of Spanish dance with the D.C. area's favorite flamenco company.

2:30-2:50 p.m. — McLean Community Interfaith Choir

Comprising vocalists from several local faith organizations, this choir shares messages of faith, hope and love through music and works to strengthen and unify the community. Enjoy their McLean Day performance of patriotic songs and maybe even participate in a sing-along!

3-3:15 p.m. — McLean Citizens Association Teen Awards

Presented by the McLean Citizens Association

3:30-4:30 p.m. — Four Star Combo

High-energy, 1950s rockabilly and honky-tonk will get you on



Robbie Schaefer

your feet and dancing on McLean Day 2017!

2:10-3:10 p.m. — Robbie Schaefer

Robbie Schaefer, the guitarist and songwriter for the acclaimed independent folk/rock band Eddie from Ohio, also makes music for kids! He will share music from his CD, "Songs for Kids Like Us."

Children's Stage

Schedule subject to change. Times are approximate.

11 a.m.-12 p.m. — Joy of Dance

Enjoy these dance performances by students enrolled in Joy of Dance classes at MCC. The group is under the direction of Artistic Director Marilyn Baird.

12:45-1:30 p.m. — Synetic Theatre

Be prepared to catch flies, because Synetic Theatre will make your jaw drop! Their innovative and captivating brand of physical theatre will astound you no matter your age.

3:40-4:40 p.m. — Step Afrika!

Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Their rhythmic, high-energy dance and music will have all ages out of their seats!

The festival will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

It's the Place to Be!



Saturday, May 20

Festival: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Governing Board Elections: 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

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- Free Rock Climbing Wall
- Free Balloon Animals
- Free Petting Zoo



Jammin' Juniors Concert

Farmer Jason

Wednesday, May 24, 12:30 p.m.

McLean Central Park Gazebo

1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.

Free admission

MCC Governing Board

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.

MCC Administrative Offices

6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean VA 22101

Open to the public.



Closing Notice

Monday, May 29

MCC and the Old Firehouse Teen Center will

be closed in observance of Memorial Day.



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Number 1 “To Do” at #McLean Day

Vote for candidates running for seats on McLean Community Center’s 2017-2018 Governing Board: three adult, two teen positions open.

On Saturday, May 20, the McLean Community Center’s (MCC) annual Governing Board elections will take place at McLean Day 2017. Residents of Dranesville Small District 1A can cast their votes from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park. The voting tent will be located just inside the park’s entrance at 1659 Chain Bridge Road. The board sets policy and provides general oversight for all programs of the Center and its facilities, including the Robert Ames Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. The adult candidates who receive the three-highest vote counts will serve three-year (3) terms. Youth candidates, one from the McLean High School boundary area and one from the Langley High School boundary area, will serve one-year (1) terms. Youth candidates do not have to attend these schools to serve on the board.

Adult Candidate Personal Statements

Cecilia Duran

“One of the truly remarkable things about getting together with my old friends, no matter what directions our lives have taken us, is that we can agree that we loved growing up in McLean. There may have been hardships and challenges—growing up is like that—but McLean, and all its resources, made it culturally rich, invigorating and nurturing. The McLean Community Center, through its classes, events and sponsored programs, draws those attributes together and offers them to all of us. Aren’t we lucky?”



Cecilia Duran

Elizabeth John

“I am a mother of three children under the age of five, who moved to McLean years ago so my family could be part of this incredible community and school system.



Elizabeth John

I know firsthand the value MCC has brought to this community, and I’d like to play a central role in its advancement by strengthening and varying its programs for children and adults, and helping deliver the upcoming renovation.

I’d love to use my experiences—as McLean resident, mother, engineer, buyer and management consultant—to pay it forward for all of us.”

Raj Mehra

“I am running for a seat on the McLean Community Center board because I care deeply about the community. My family has been residents of McLean since 2003 and my wife and daughters grew up in McLean. We are supporters of the McLean Project for the Arts, I have served for the last five years on the board of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and when my children were younger, I was a coach for McLean Youth Soccer and McLean basketball. The charm of McLean is what I treasure most, and I want to help preserve this.”



Raj Mehra

Brittany R. Oates

“I am excited by the prospect of giving back to our beautiful community and serving on MCC’s Board of Directors. I hope to both maintain and improve the Center’s diverse activities, events and programs. As the very heart of our neighborhood, the Center inspires all of our families. For our three children, it’s made McLean a marvelous place to grow up, explore and spread their wings. I want to continue to support its tradition of excellence and ensure that the MCC remains a beacon of our community that serves all of our residents. I respectfully ask for your vote!”



Brittany R. Oates

Alicia Plerhoples

“I am an educator, nonprofit lawyer, wife and mother. My family regularly visits the McLean Community Center, where my daughters take dance classes and we attend performances at The Alden. I would like to contribute my legal expertise to the Governing Board. I am a law professor at Georgetown Law, where I teach an experiential course. My students and I represent small businesses and nonprofits (including arts and community nonprofits) on legal issues, such as contracts, financing, leasing, employment law, licensing and permitting. If elected, I will use my expertise to steward the successful completion of the Community Center renovation.”



Alicia Plerhoples

Julie Waters

“As a board member, I’ll work hard to continue growing our community. I am an attorney, and served in the active Army for

12 years. When I left active service, my husband and I were thrilled to find McLean and make it our long-term home. In the Army, I gained experience in leadership, criminal and administrative law and working with a team. I now stay home with our two children during the day, and serve in the Army Reserve. I would love to give back by representing the citizens of McLean in making MCC an even better resource for everyone.”



Julie Waters

Youth Candidate Personal Statements: Langley High School Boundary Area Candidates

Alex Camus

“I am running for the Board because I care about this community. I have spent the last seven years in McLean, and I am convinced of our area’s responsibility to reach out to and provide for our residents. I serve on a leadership team at my church, and try to lead by example when I run for track or play in the band at Langley. My hope as a candidate for the MCC Governing Board is that I can improve upon the opportunities brought forth to McLean residents in any way possible.”



Alex Camus

Brian Kim

“Hello, my name is Brian and I am a student at Langley High School. I am running for a position on the Governing Board to become an active member of my community. I have had previous experiences as a campaign organizer at the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and as an intern and advisor for the medical board at Sejong Geriatric Hospital. At Langley, I am a member of the Debate Team and Varsity Golf Team. Overall, I am not only interested in working with professionals and other students but also eager to participate in the administration of McLean.”



Brian Kim

McLean High School Boundary Area Candidates

Area Candidates

Caroline Brunner

“I’m a junior attending McLean High School and am proud to live in this community. I’m a student leader in marching and symphonic band, a track and field runner and a Girl Scout completing my Gold Award. I’d like to serve on the board to provide a youth perspective on the policies the board sets, keeping McLean and Langley kids’ best interests in mind. I’ve used the community center for classes, acted in plays at The Alden and attended events at MCC. Vote for me and I will help to make it a better place for McLean kids and teens!”



Caroline Brunner

Nolan Fitzsimmons

“My desire to serve on the MCC Board comes from wanting to help our community as much as possible. My community involvement includes volunteering for three years to help run chess clubs at Colvin Run Elementary School and Kent Garden ES; volunteering for Chesterbrook Assisted Living Home; and starting/running the McLean HS Chess Club. I earned the Presidential Gold Medal for Volunteering and am pursuing The Congressional Award. I’m a MHS Cross Country member and have a black belt in Taekwondo. Using the skills/experience I gained at starting the MHS Chess Club, I hope to start new MCC programs.”



Nolan Fitzsimmons

Nikhil Jivan

“I look forward to this wonderful opportunity to serve on the Governing Board for McLean. I was born in Virginia and have lived in McLean since 2004. I currently go to McLean High School and I’ve attended Franklin Sherman Elementary, Haycock Elementary and Longfellow Middle School. I read that the McLean Community Center sets policies, approves budgets and provides general oversight for Center programs and facilities. I am truly interested in learning how all that is done and developing my leadership skills. I assure you that I will prove a sincere, honest and reliable team member if selected.”



Nikhil Jivan

Emily Simons

“I have had the pleasure of growing up in this wonderfully supportive and friendly

McLEAN DAY 2017

community, and have been a beneficiary of the shows, events and exhibitions that the McLean Community Center has so generously provided. Now, I feel that it is my time to give back. As a musician, I know first-hand the positive effects that the arts have on our community. I want to make sure that throughout the Ingleside renovation, the McLean Community Center institution will continue to educate, entertain and inspire us. It would be an honor to provide a youth perspective on the Board.”



Emily Simons

residents of the Center’s tax district to have their votes counted.

For youth write-in candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Absentee ballots are available. A resident may request an absentee ballot package by phone (703-790-0123, TTY: 711) or email (elections@mcleancenter.org), or may pick one up at three of MCC’s sites: Administrative Offices, at 6631 Old Dominion Drive; Class Program/Registration Office, at 6645 Old Dominion Drive; or The Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. Completed absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be received at one of the three sites by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17.

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711 or visit: <http://ow.ly/PWtI30arqDG>.

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MCC Executive Director George Sachs and MCC Special Events Manager Catherine Nesbitt developed the pilot sponsorship program in 2015, and says Sachs, “We were happy to discover that there were many enthusiastic individuals and organizations willing to help us enhance a wonderful community celebration.” MCC thanks this year’s Community Sponsors for their generous support.

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At press times, other businesses, organizations and artisans participating in this year’s festival included (in alphabetical order): Creative Capes, Dranesville District Democratic Committee, Fairfax County Public Schools, Greater McLean Republican Women’s Club, Inova Children’s Hospital, Jowita Allen Jewelry, Langley Hill Friends, LuLaRoe, McLean Farmers Market, McLean Historical Society, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean Racquet and Health Club, Noble Roofing, Paws of Honor, The Shepherd’s Center, The TEA Center, Trinity United Methodist Church and Weichert Realtors.

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center’s telephone will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.



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 McLean Kids Series
 Films & Lectures
 Summer Concerts



Classes & Trips

Day Trips and Tours, Bridge, Dance, Creative Play, Fitness, Music, Safety, Science, etc.



Special Events

McLean Day, Fall & Spring Garage Sales, Jewelry & Accessories Show, Antiques & Holiday Crafts Shows



...and so much more!

Youth & Teen Activities

Harvest Happenings, Camp McLean, Gingerbread House Workshops, School Break Trips, The Old Firehouse Center



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